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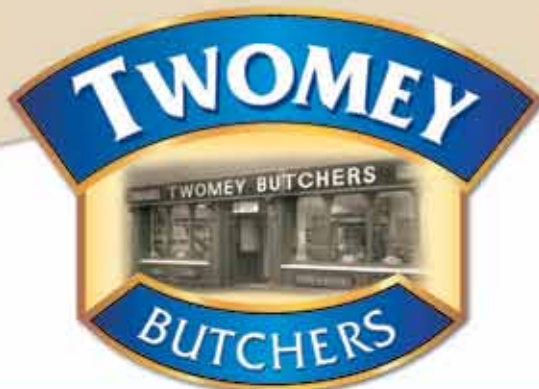
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Editor's NOTE

Lockdown has given me an awful lot of time to think, I suppose I'm not the only one who is like this. With works on the bypass progressing at a steady pace, I'm beginning to image how Macroom may look a year, 5 years or even 10 years down the line. I guess a lot of people are expecting the change to happen when the bypass is finally built, but the steps needed to regenerate the area are needed now, to sow the seeds for the future. I'm also acutely aware that Macroom and its environs are not on any designated tourism trail. It's a time to ask ourselves what is it that we and the community want and need within our immediate vicinity to increase the life index of our neighbourhood?

- Could it be having a Sunday Market in the town square once a month, for both arts, crafts, and food, with seating where locals and tourists can sit and browse and enjoy the atmosphere, making it more of a destination market?
- Could it be creating the square as a pedestrian priority zone and raised zebra crossings in Macroom?
- Could it be extending the river walkway from the town park, the whole way down to the new bridge?
- Could it be creating cycle lanes and/or a cycle route in Macroom, with particular care given to routes which would enable children to cycle safely to and from schools?
- Could we change our street furniture to include more outdoor dining and is it accessible to all?
- Could we restore the Protestant church and the Bealick Mill and utilize the space for the community through a live music venue, 3rd level education hub, or an indoor market?
- Could we be a plastic free town centre?

Attractions

Attractions help to define a town's identity and comprise the range and diversity of shopping and other activities which draw in customers and visitors.

Accessibility

Successful centres need to be easily accessible by the surrounding areas through road and public transport networks. Ease of access within a town between public transport stops, carparks, and key attractions is also essential.

Key Qualities of a Healthy, Vibrant Town Centre

Amenities

A healthy town centre needs to be a pleasant place to spend time in. It should be attractive in terms of environmental quality and urban design, it should be safe and it should have a distinct identity or image.

Actions

Actions and initiatives are needed to ensure the viability of a town centre including delivery of improvement projects, regular cleaning and maintenance and co-ordinated town centre management initiatives to promote the continued improvement of the centre.

- Could it be implementing an informative signage throughout the castle grounds showing the history and flora and fauna of the site and the lengths of the different walks available?
 - Have we adequate amenities for all age groups in town?
 - Could a community college be an option going forward?
- Finding out what people need and want from their town through surveys is also massively

important. According to Enterprise Ireland, the best frameworks for a successful town centre are Actions, Accessibility, Amenities and Actions.

Anyways these are all food for thought, I would love to hear our readers thoughts and hopes for Macroom going forward?

Sarah Kate Murphy
EDITOR

MCEGAN COLLEGE:

Transition Year Students Donate to the Homeless of Cork



Transition Year Pupils with Ms Lynam (Principal) and Ms Corkery (Deputy Principal) the day of their fundraising raffle, For Fr John Keane and the Homeless of Cork

Well done to Ms Angland and all the TY Students for what was a truly amazing amount of money that was collected for Fr. John Keane's Charity "Mission of Love for the Homeless" in Cork.

The TY students through their Christmas Jumper Day and raffle for Pat Relihan famous Christmas Cake collected €1100, which by any standard was a fantastic amount considering the COVID restrictions that were in place. A special mention also to Mr Pdraig O Driscoll who did fantastic work in organising this initiative. Again, like last year, a formal handing over of the proceeds to Fr John couldn't take place, but he wanted to thank the TY Students, their teachers, and the staff of McEgan College for their continued generosity towards the Homeless. As soon as it's safe to do so, Fr John promised to pop down to the school to thank the students personally for their hard work towards alleviating the Homeless difficulties in Cork City.

Well done to the TY Group of 2020/21

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Winner of the 1st year photography competition, taken by Sarah Lyons, at St Mary's



Winner of the 4th year photography competition, taken by Mia Normoyle O Sullivan, at St Mary's

St. Mary's Musings

CERTIFIED IRISH ANGUS BEEF SCHOOLS' COMPETITION

Introducing... The Convent Cowgirls: Raising the Steaks! Four TY Students: Abigail Kelleher, Siobhan O' Leary, Sinead Creedon and Aoife Downey have got through the first stage of this competition. To get through the first round of the Competition the girls had to produce a two-minute video presentation. In the video, the girls gave detailed information on the competition's 3 sponsors: Certified Irish Angus, Kepak and ABP. Throughout their entry video, the girls showed video clips of themselves working on their family farms at home showing their great interest in Agriculture and in this competition. The second round of the competition was due to take place in January as an in-person interview, but this has been postponed until February/March due to Covid-19 restrictions. Hopefully, the in-person interviews will go ahead then. Should the girls be successful in their interview, they will get the opportunity to attend an exhibition in Croke Park where they will display their project work. The girls are choosing to promote the Irish Angus brand under the categories of Education & Consumer Awareness as they feel that these categories are closely linked. The girls plan to hold educational workshops in school among students, teachers and staff as well as locally in Macroom should restrictions permit. Finally, after the exhibition in Croke Park, 5 finalist schools will be crowned winners. The winning teams will each win 5 angus calves which will then be reared by the students to slaughter. The girls will document the whole process. We wish the girls the very best of luck and we would like to thank Ms Foley for the enthusiastic help and guidance that she has given to the girls as she helps them to prepare for this National Competition.

ANGUS AFTERNOON

As part of the Certified Irish Angus Beef Schools' Competition, The Convent Cowgirls are busy planning events for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th years to take place in March. They are hosting an 'Angus Afternoon' over two afternoons which will include a Zoom class where the Convent Cowgirls will teach the students about the benefits of farming Angus. They will also give the students information the sponsors of the competition. To finish off the afternoon, Abigail, Aoife, Sinead and Siobhan will

host a Kahoot for the year groups with Easter Eggs up for grabs for the winners! Running alongside this, there will be an Art Competition for 1st year students which will be extended to the community once details have been finalised! The theme for the competition is 'Angus in Springtime' and an image will be provided for inspiration. Keep an eye out on our Facebook and Instagram pages for details on how to enter this competition! Easter Eggs will be awarded to the winners!

LIFE SKILLS COURSE PROVIDED BY AWARE

Thirty senior students from St Mary's are presently participating in a Life Skills Programme delivered by a facilitator from the Mental Health organisation, AWARE. Eight modules are being delivered over four sessions. Students have been introduced to Cognitive Behavioural Therapy which helps them to understand that what they think and do influences how they feel. Topics include understanding feelings, holding our temper and building inner confidence. We are very grateful to AWARE and to facilitator, Patricia O'Riordan, for providing our students with this valuable course in Life Skills, free of charge. The skills learned by the girls during this course will benefit their lives now during the pandemic as well as in their future adult lives.

ST MARY'S MUSIC AMIDST THE MADNESS

Our latest instalments of 'Music Amidst the Madness!' on our social media platforms, included a stunning performance from 2 TY students, Kiera Moynihan and Charmaine Nywenga. Their beautiful version of the Billie Eilish song 'Lovely' was recorded before Christmas. The girls were accompanied by two very talented fourth year musicians, Orla Lynch and Sadhbh Bourke. We hope you enjoyed it! This performance was followed by a stunning piece from St Mary's Trad Group. The trad group gathers with Ms Queally every Thursday at lunch to learn tunes and play together. We shared a jig that they learned before Christmas for you to enjoy! In a special Mid-term performance for 'Music amidst the Madness', it was the turn of the teachers! Last Friday we shared a video on our social media of the teachers from St Mary's performing the Beatles' classic "I get by with a little help from my friends". We wanted to acknowledge and celebrate the excellent work and engagement given by students and teachers for

remote learning. It hasn't been easy, but we are getting through it together. Thanks so much to the teachers who joined in, some of whom were well and truly pushed out of their comfort zone! We would also like to say a massive thank you to Ms Donovan, Ms Creedon and Ms Queally who spent a huge amount of time putting the video together. We hope you enjoyed it!

DÚSHLÁN 2021

Go n-éirí go geal leis an bhfoireann 'na trí musketeers'. Bhí siad ag glacadh páirte sa chomórtas 'Dúshlán 2021' eagraithe ag Conradh na Gaeilge. Bhí 30 dúshlán le déanamh acu le linn 50 uair. Bhí Aoife Ní Luasa, Orla Ní Loingsigh agus Roisin Ní Dhonnchú fíor ghnóthach ar feadh dhá lá ag obair le chéile ón mbaile chun an spriocdháta ar an Déardaoin a shroicheadh. Bhí orthu ranganna a mhúineadh trí Ghaeilge, amhráin a chumadh, drámaíocht agus cócaireacht a dhéanamh agus go leor rudaí eile! Best of luck to 'Na Trí Musketeers'. They recently took part in 'Dúshlán 2021' organised by GaelLinn. They completed 30 challenges within 50 hours. Aoife Lucey, Orla Lynch and Roisin O Donoghue were very busy over the two days to reach their deadline which was on Thursday the 11th of February. As part of this challenge the girls taught zoom classes through Irish, composed Irish songs, did some acting, cooking demonstrations and lots more!! Well done girls. Maith sibh!

TY ACTIVITIES- BY AOIBHÍN LYNCH

In Spite of lockdown, Transition Year students began the new year with plenty of interesting activities. We started by learning the Rules of the Road with a very interesting course, 'Drive for Life' which was run online by Pat McNeely. We also took part in the Seó Bóthair Roadshow by Conradh na Gaeilge. This is an interactive workshop of games, discussions and debates, that promotes the use of the Irish language. Students had the choice of doing various online courses from mental health LifeSkills by AWARE to learning about skin care by Kins Skin School. Of course, it's always important to look after our wellbeing and we were able to chat together over zoom during Circle Time and have breakfast online together. We had a very peaceful and relaxing meditation session with Fr. John. We are looking forward to the rest of the term!



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St Mary's Convent Cow Girls with Ms Foley during a Zoom meeting.



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Tidy Towns, while the person is unaware of this. So please take your litter home, you brought it there, and it will be lighter on the way back!

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Appeal to scoop poop as dog infections soar

Alan O'Keefe

AN increase in viral infections in dogs in north Dublin and east Meath has led to renewed appeals for dog owners to scoop up their 'poop'.

Dog faeces in parks and on public paths and beaches are the main cause of the transmission of 'canine enteric coronavirus', which affects the stomachs of dogs but is harmless to humans.

Humans can't be infected but can pass it on to dogs if they pet a dog with the virus.

Veterinary clinics in the north Dublin areas of Balbriggan, Skerries and Stamullen, run by the Shenick Vets business, have all reported up to 10 cases a week in the past

month. Vets in Raheny have also had several cases.

"We are getting around 10 cases a week now compared to this time last year when we had no cases," said veterinary surgeon Dr Andreea Heghina, based at a clinic in Balbriggan.

"Parks and beaches, basically anywhere that dogs poop, the virus is there. So another dog comes along and sniffs it and picks up the virus," she said.

The symptoms are vomiting and a loss of appetite; it may cause diarrhoea and the dog may become lethargic. Infected dogs that are not vomiting can be monitored at home and given gastrointestinal-friendly dog food and probiotics.

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In line with Level 5 Government restrictions, **Macroom Library** and all Cork County Library buildings are still closed to the public.

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Find out more at; <https://www.corkcoco.ie/en/library-services/library-online>

On Thursday 25th February, Libraries Ireland are inviting people of all ages to get reading as part of **Ireland Reads 2021**. Ireland Reads is a public libraries initiative, in partnership with publishers, booksellers, authors and others under the Government's "Keep Well Campaign". Taking some time for yourself to relax and to do the things (like reading) is important to help look after your mental wellbeing too.

Cork County Council Library & Arts Service is delighted to be part of Ireland Reads – a brand new campaign to get the whole country reading this month. We are very excited about this campaign as we have loads of content to show you on social media from book recommendations to story time videos. We will be sharing all these with you this month, in the lead up to the campaign's "National Day of Reading", Thursday 25th February. We are going to "Squeeze in A Read" on Ireland's Read

Day and we hope you will join us.

To learn more about the campaign, and to make a pledge to read, go to <http://irelandreads.ie>

Also keep an eye out for our **Online Weekly Quizzes** for children and adults. They are a great source of entertainment and fun for all the family or maybe you can have a zoom quiz meeting with your friends some evening. Our Facebook page is Cork County Council Library & Arts Service & have all the details.

A Housebound Book Delivery Service is available for our elderly and vulnerable patrons. If you are interested in availing of this service, please contact the Cork County Council's Community Helpline at 1800 805 819 or email covidsupport@corkcoco.ie or contact Macroom Library at; 026 42483.

From The Well Short Story Competition 2021: Cork County Council Library & Arts Service have launched it's annual From The Well Short Story Competition. The highly regarded literacy competition is now in its 17th year & is open to registered library members who are over 18 years. Applications should be submitted online through YourCouncil.ie before the closing date Thursday 1st April 2021 at 4.00 pm. Any problems contact – sinead.donnely@corkcoco.ie

Online Author Events: Following on from the success of Donal Ryan's Zoom event in January, we have Joseph O'Connor lined up as our next author for this series of reading/Q&As. We have a limit of 500 on attendance so we would ask that if you are interested, sign up for your ticket at Eventbrite.ie/138928836891 ASAP to avoid being disappointed. Alternatively search Joseph O'Connor on the Eventbrite site to get a ticket.

Artist By My Side 2021: We will be looking at launching a second series of the highly successful online craft workshops in the coming weeks. The workshop content is just being finalized and we will be ready to accept applications shortly.

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Art Of Living Project: Also the Arts Office are currently looking for participants for a project titled "Art Of Living" devised & developed by Cormac O'Connor. The project will interview older participants in the Arts & examine how their interaction with the medium has grown & changed over the years. The aim of the project is to create a short documentary to celebrate the role of older people in the Arts in Cork & this will be shown as part of the Bealtaine Festival next year. If you know of any suitable candidates to be put forward for the film, please do let us know. Contact; sinead.donnely@corkcoco.ie

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Macroom & District Lions Club launches its Big Community Give-Back Campaign and encourages everyone to join and be in with a chance to win €500 for your club/charity

These are difficult times and as everyone deals with their own unique challenges, Macroom & District Lions Club wants to celebrate the things, people, and places we are grateful for right now. The Club has just launched its €2,000 Big Community Give-Back Campaign inviting people of all ages across Macroom and its districts to show you care by telling the world WHAT, WHO, or WHERE you are grateful for right now and nominating a deserving club or charity to receive €500. The Club is ready to donate a total of €2,000 to four local charities or clubs (€500 each) that serve the Macroom & District areas. People of all ages are encouraged to take part in the campaign by showing WHAT, WHO, or WHERE you are grateful for right now. The Club invites

entries in the form of artwork, photography, music, dance, poetry, or even an Instagram or TikTok video! Hard copies/physical entries can be dropped off at the following locations in Macroom town: Matt Murphy's Pharmacy; O'Leary's SuperValu; Evelyn's Shop; Macroom Credit Union. These hard copy entries will then be displayed on the windows of many businesses and shops in the town throughout March and April for everyone to enjoy. Macroom Lions Club hopes that the artwork will bring a splash of colour and positivity to the town. The closing date for entries is Saturday, 17th April 2021.

There are four categories for entries:

- Up to 12 years
- 13 years – 17 years
- Adults (18years+)
- Social Media (TikTok, Instagram or Facebook)

Each entry must include (1) name and contact details, (2) category being entered, (3) the nominated charity or club. Social media entries must also include #MacroomLionsClub and # the nominated club or charity (without the hashtag,

entries will not be eligible). Group submissions are also welcome. Please see the terms and conditions of the competition on the Macroom & District Lions Club Facebook page.

Macroom & District Lions Club realises that, the past 12 months have been hugely challenging for everyone and we are very conscious of the impact of this on people's mental health. We want to remind people that our community is still strong and supportive. Even though we are all living so apart right now, we hope our Big Community Give-Back will show people that we are very much 'together'."

Macroom & District Lions Club will also be raising awareness, throughout this campaign, of the many supports that are available for anyone struggling with their mental health. The Club encourages people to visit www.mentalhealthireland.ie where there are supports, resources and helplines available.

For further information, visit Macroom & District Lions Club Facebook page.

WORDS: POETRY'/FILÍOCHT

BY CON KELLEHER

Poetry is the highest form of the use of language, and last week we heard and saw poetry used superbly. From time immemorial people have used poetry to express noble sentiments and deep emotions. The 'file' in ancient Irish society was learned in the Irish language, customs and traditions as opposed to the 'laidineóir' who was expert in Latin and church matters. Another translation of 'file' was 'ollamh' - professor in the English language.

The phrase 'Black Lives Matter' was recently coined in the US and its need and meaning highlighted the often-brutal treatment and sometimes killing of black people in police custody. Joe Biden and Kamala Harris's presidential election victory was partially a reaction to that treatment, and arose from disgust at what was done, and the mobilisation of black voters who voted overwhelmingly for Biden and Harris.

The presidential inauguration was, for me, very moving and dignified. No longer were the 'thugs' in charge of the Capitol, and sanity and dignity prevailed. There were many fine speeches and Biden's was brilliant. Not only did he 'level' with the people but he outlined a path of recovery. He emphasised truth, unity, common humanity and dignity. He is a man who has suffered and overcome much in his own life, and he was patently sincere and humble. He quoted Seamus

Heaney's memorable phrase 'when hope and history' rhyme; considering the Covid pandemic and the availability of a vaccine, and Trump's presidency ended, it was appropriate.

However, Biden's speech was eclipsed by Amanda Gorman's contribution. She is an American who was raised by her mother, a single middle-school English teacher, in difficult circumstances. Still twenty-two years old, she overcame those drawbacks and is recognised as a brilliant poet. She is the first person named as U.S. National Youth Poet Laureate, and her themes are oppression, racism, feminism and marginalisation. Her poem, The Hill We Climb, commissioned for the occasion by Dr Jill Biden, was beautifully crafted and contained many great lines and phrases, and it was wonderfully delivered. Hearing it, as opposed to reading it, added to its impact; when delivered well, it is the best way to first receive poetry. The cadence of her words and her images were delightful. Many in her immediate audience listened with their eyes closed, as if in another world.

Ireland has produced many outstanding poets in English and Irish, and we recall, mostly from our school days, the works of Yeats, Kavanagh, Montague, Ó Riordán, Ní Chonaill, Boland and Heaney among others. Like much else, time and aging add appreciation to what we once thought dull and boring.

Perhaps the opening phrase of this piece could be recast as 'All Lives Matter'. Over the past four years we have seen coming from the Trump camp 'alternative facts' and the propagation of falsehoods at almost every level and turn. The central point is that words matter, and Trump's words encouraged his followers on their assault on Capitol Hill in January 6th 2021. Hopefully Biden's and Gorman's words will be even more effective.

Biden's and Gorman's words had an entirely different theme and tenor: they focused on hope, diversity, respect and unity. Both used poetry and Gorman has brought poetry centre stage again.

According to the Concise Oxford Dictionary Sixth Edition (1977), p. 852, poetry is defined as 'the elevated expression of elevated thought or feeling in metrical or rhythmical form. 'Poeta' was the Latin word for poet and made its way to English via French, and the 'try' probably came from 'geometry'.

'File' is translated by Dinneen as 'a poet' or a professor. There were seven grades of 'file' – suggesting that the poet and poetry had exalted places in Ancient Celtic society, (Dinneen's Foclóir Gaeilge agus Béarla' (Dublin, 1927) p. 454.

Biden's speech and Gorman's poem are available on Youtube.



Jimmy O'Sullivan, stocking for a home delivery. (C. Kelleher).



Clondrohid Line dancing group taking on the Jerusalem challenge proving its possible have fun, exercise and be safe at the same time.



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My Name is Baxter

A True Story. (Mostly)

Chapter 1 - Baxter

My name Baxter but I had another name in the time I don't think about anymore. I am usually called Bax for short now which is great because when they shorten your name it's usually a sign that you have got a home for good.

The time I don't think about ended when I was brought to the place where there was lots of my kind and I really mean lots, the noise was horrendous and continuous both day and night. The smell was pretty horrendous too and considering I supposedly have over 10 million scent receptors believe me when I say I was using every single one of them.

Now don't get me wrong, I was treated with as much kindness as any of the others, sometimes I think I got a little more attention because of my big sad brown eyes.

But oh the boredom was so crushing, hour after hour staring through the bars of my cage. Even when I managed to sleep it was only for short cat naps (no pun intended) and then it was such a relief to wake as I always dreamt about the time I don't think about anymore.

Sometimes my water ran out and that was really scary because the heat was so intense but the most worrying thing was when they changed the tag on my door. The first one that went up said ten days then the next one said twenty days, they kept talking about the thirty day rule and the boss woman always said there could be no exceptions.

So many people walked by where I was caged. Almost every day some would stop and I would get so excited that I would leap up and then they would jump back and sometimes if there were

children they would start to cry. I tried to curb my excitement when anyone paid me the slightest attention but I had so much hope that they would be the ones to save me I always forgot myself and would be standing on my hind legs before I remembered how big I was.

One morning I was snoozing head on paws having reached the stage where I was so crushed that my spirit was slowly dying when two of the whitest legs I had ever seen appeared right in front of me. The owner squatted down to my level as my days of jumping up were long gone, 'hey buddy what's up' he said.

I slowly raised my head and stared at him, he had the weirdest accent I ever heard he was definitely not Australian.

He stood and walked on to the next cage and then the next, soon He had disappeared from my line of vision, oh well head back down on paws.

When I opened my eyes again those two white legs were back, the boss lady came over and asked if he was interested in adopting a dog. He nodded nervously; 'great' she said 'now the next thing is to pair you with the right dog' 'Have you seen any that you think you might consider adopting' she asked. 'Maybe this little guy' said Mr White Legs and smiled. 'I am required to explain' said Boss lady, 'this guy has a twenty day tag on his cage, once we reach the thirty day tag we really have no option but to say a very final goodbye but please do not feel I am pressurising you'

Mr White Legs began to look a little uncomfortable, Boss lady led him to the next cage then the next and soon he was out of sight. Oh well it was nice

while it lasted, head back down on paws and snooze time but hang on, White legs is coming back, he is definitely heading straight for me. He has a lead in his hand, boss lady is bringing up the rear half running to keep up with Mr White Legs, as Boss lady opens my cage I have to admit I am going a little crazy, so crazy that I have actually peed myself just a little.

My new best friend reaches in and clips the lead on my collar, oh wow oh wow I am actually getting out of here, and then I do the stupid thing again, I stand on my hind legs and plant my front paws on my best friend's chest, I am now staring into his eyes as I lick his face all over, too late I realise what I have done, I drop down on all fours but my new best friend is bent over laughing. 'You are the biggest dope he spluttered'

This looks like it might just be ok, I may get out of here for a walk, a proper walk. All three of us head towards the gate but at the last minute we veer left and we are heading into what must be Boss lady's office, 'Sign here, here and here said Boss Lady' then she added 'you are lucky your landlord has no problem with pets Paul.' 'Oh he is a great animal lover himself' replied Paul.

So that was Mr White Legs name, Paul, yes that will do nicely. I like it.

As Paul and I walked through the gates he launched into the first of what would be thousands of one sided conversations we were to have. 'I am fairly sure that the landlord would love you buddy if he actually knew about you but let's not chance it so I need you to be as quite as a mouse when we get home ok'

Is this Paul guy a comedian? Be as quite as a mouse? I am the size of a small pony. This is going to go horribly wrong.

TO BE CONTINUED NEXT EDITION.....

ISLAND WORKS

The improvement works have begun on the river Island park in Inchigeela. The riverside pathway from the second wooden bridge to the swim area is being widened and a new fence will be erected. Part funding will come from Cork Co Council, but the local development group will have to find the balance. Further works may be needed as the riverbank is highly susceptible to erosion. But it's all worthwhile, when you see the many people who enjoy the wonderful amenity we have, especially in this time of restricted travel.

ICSA PRESIDENT DEMANDS ACTION

Inchigeela man, Dermot Kelleher, the new ICSA president, has called on the Minister for Agriculture for strong support for the meat producing industry. At the recent AGM he also called for cooperation between all partners and parties in the industry and a greater transparency in pricing. He spoke out strongly in support of the farmers who are penalised for failing to reach the 5% reduction in farm emissions and asked that farmers be assisted with the means for this reduction.

THIS WEEKS WALK – INCHIGEELA TO DOIRE AN AONAIGH

This walk will take you northwards from Inchigeela village on the quiet road to Renaniree. It's a linear walk with some gentle climbs and lots of views. Just as you leave the village note the old building

Uibh Laoire Notes

that slightly juts out on the road to your right. This was the coach house which once held the horse drawn coaches which stopped on their way to Bantry and Glengarrif, while the horses grazed in the field nearby. The GAA pitch, of which we are very proud, is next on your left as you travel by the little Derrivane river for a short while. You begin to ascend now, first by green fields and then gradually into hill terrain where you are surrounded with heather and furze growth. Pause a while to view the landscape, hills, and lakes to the backdrop of majestic Shehy mountain. You will shortly now meet the tall wind generators. Try to ignore them and their massive intrusion on the beauty of the surrounding countryside. Next comes a view that was worth the walk, a panorama of Cork and Kerry mountains and deep valleys. After a break here you can continue to Reinaniree for a pre-arranged car pick up or return to Inchigeela, where now the trip is all down-hill. You will have covered about 5Km each way in about 2 hours. Enjoy! (Ps Save it for after lockdown)

ROADS

Some of the parish roads are in poor condition at present after the frost snow and water erosion. The workmen must be commended though for the good and speedy repair work. We wonder if the standard of tarring is as good as it was in past times or is the surface of our smaller roads really suitable for the huge heavyweights of lorries and

trailers carrying tons upon tons of heavy loads like concrete gravel and lumber.

ONE VERY GOOD DEED

A little bird whispered to me that during this lockdown a young girl in Ballingeary whose name lets say is Aoife, designed and created some lovely artistic hearts to be distributed with the meals for the senior citizens on Valentine's Day. Great stuff indeed. And let's not forget the staff who have been quietly preparing and cooking lovely meals all along. Take a well-deserved bow! Maith sibh go léir

Garden Birds Survey

Birdwatch Ireland want to remind you that you can still be a part of their Garden Bird Survey which will continue right through till the end of February 2021. Over 1000 gardens take part each year and taking part is fun, easy and an ideal way to get to know your garden birds better. Further details <https://birdwatchireland.ie/our-work/surveys-research/research-surveys/irish-garden-bird-survey/>

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CLONDROHID NOTES

CLONDROHID / CARRIGANIMA TEXT ALERT:

Payment of €10 is now due to cover the service for this year. To ensure you receive the text alerts, all payments must be made before Feb 28 to either Mary O'Sullivan Carriganima, or Maria Murphy Clondrohid post Office. This is a great service to keep us all in touch with unusual sightings of misbehaviour.

100 YEAR COMMEMORATION: On Thursday Feb 11 Clondrohid commemorated the 100th anniversary of 16yr old Daniel O'Mahony, who was shot near the bridge on Feb 11th, 1921. Healy's Spar closed its doors for 100 seconds, in memory of the young man's sad death

Fr. Joe offered morning Mass for him and he also prayed at the shop for the repose of his soul, and for all those who lost their lives in those troubled times. Daniel's family laid a wreath at the spot where he was killed 100 years ago.

JERUSALEM CHALLENGE: The Gardai took on this challenge in January, they challenged the public to get involved, they said that they themselves answered the call to give the public they serve a lift in these challenging times. So since then, many groups have got involved, and Clondrohid Line Dancers decided to take up the challenge. On the night despite the weather conditions, they put

together their dance to show that it is still possible to have fun and exercise and be safe at the same time.

Well done all.

CHURCH CEREMONIES: Mass in Clondrohid Church online is at 9.30am every morning including Sundays.

Churches remain open for private prayer only. Adoration is back again on Mondays from 10.30am to 6pm. There will be no public prayer except a blessing by Fr Joe at 6pm.

Sunday devotions, with rosary and evening prayer continue online at 5.30pm

Extra prayers and stations of cross will be said after Masses during Lent.

The Trocaire boxes and the Lenten station envelopes are available in both churches. You are asked to be as generous as possible. There will be no house stations again this Spring, there will be combined area masses, the list will be published shortly.

CORNERSTONE RETREAT: This retreat is an online Lenten retreat for young (15 to 35) year old's to explore their faith. Each meeting will be an informal hour long gathering via zoom, every Thursday from 7to 8pm. Feb 18 to April 1. If you can't make it every week, no worries.

To register or ask a question, contact Rita 087 4687866. email cyds.youth ministry@gmail.com
Deacon Brian 086 8349540 Instagram: @cloynedioceseyme

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ST.GOBNAITS CONFERENCE OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: They would like to thank the people of Clondrohid Parish for their generous donations to their Christmas appeal. The total amount raised was €1050. They would like to thank Fr. Joe and Maria and staff at Healy's who facilitated the collections of donations.

COVID 19 SUPPORT LINE FOR OLDER PEOPLE: ALONE manage a national support line for older people who have concerns relating to Covid. The support line is open 7 days a week 8am to 8pm 0818222024

REBELS BOUNTY: Cork GAA has launched a new fundraiser 'Rebels Bounty'. Jan to Dec 2021 the objective is to give Cork GAA Clubs an opportunity to raise funds, while also raising cash to fund preparation of cork GAA Teams.

Please note all monies for tickets sold from now on remain fully with Clondrohid GAA due to all those who have subscribed already

Total cash prize is €500,000. 30 monthly prizes ranging from €20,000 to €150 with 360 chances to win. €100,000 first prize in Dec 2021

Tickets can be shared. Tickets cost €100 and can be paid in full or by direct debit €10 for 10 months.

Joining Instructions: Online <https://gacork.ie/rebelsbounty/>

Direct Debit option closes on 11/3/2021

By envelope marked for "collection Clondrohid GAA at Healy's Spar and M&J Kelleher by 20/3/2021, with the following

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Brian Kerins: 0871531571

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Lissarda Ambush Centenary Exhibition Goes Online

Update from Independence Museum Kilmurry:

As the museum is closed due to Covid 19 regulations we have scanned all documents in respect of the above exhibition and these can now be viewed online on our website: <http://kilmurrymuseum.ie/lissarda-ambush-centenary-exhibition-1920-2020/>

The information is set out as per actual exhibition detailing the Volunteers, Safe houses, Cumann na

mban, Lissarda village, RIC etc.

We hope you will share this with your family, colleagues and friends. A virtual viewing is our only option at the moment, and you may know people who did not get a chance to visit and see the exhibition whilst it was opened.

The exhibition received support from Cork County Council in 2020 under the County Cork Commemorations Grant Scheme.

Cork County Macra

Cork County Macra 70th Anniversary Celebrations will take place via Zoom on April 23rd. We are hoping to gather memorabilia from all clubs past & present in all of the regions to showcase on the night, whether it is pictures, videos or newspaper articles down through the years.

We are asking all clubs in Cork to answer the following questions:

Club Name

What year was the club founded

How many members has the club currently

100 words on what are some of the clubs greatest achievements since your club was founded and/or some interesting facts about your club/members down through the years.

If clubs could gather this information & email (corkcountymacra@gmail.com) it to me by March 12th it would be much appreciated. We are hoping all clubs in Cork will take part as it will be a great opportunity to showcase your club.

Cill Na Martra

Scoil Chúil a Bhuacaigh, Cill na Martra around 1930
The pupil's teacher back then was Master Twohig, a native of Inchigeela. It is very timely to remember the late Master Twohig now as he was subjected to harsh treatment by the British Troops following the Geata Bán and Cúl na Catharach ambushes. Although the Geata Bán ambush was almost a non event, as a car from Kenmare met the Tans truck at Geata Bán, the British Troops accused Master Twohig of not informing them of the impending ambush and he was imprisoned in Macroom Castle. In February 1921 the famous Cúl na Catharach ambush took place and again Master Twohig was accused of neglecting to inform the Troops in Macroom. This time, his home at Ceapach na Coille in the townland of Ceann Droma, Cill na Martra was burned to the ground leaving him, his wife and children homeless.
Johnny Lehane, Millstreet, formerly of Cúil a Bhuacaigh gave me this information.

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O'Leary's SuperValu Macroom: *Adapting to Covid*

By Con Kelleher

O'Leary's (now SuperValu) shop, Main Street, first opened in the mid 1960s. Before that Pat Lynch ran a small grocery shop, helped by 'Doyle' Lucey, before it was bought by Patrick (Pa) and Hannah O'Leary. It was added to Ronan's Mill and both were transformed into a fine shop. It became a SuperValu supermarket in the early eighties and has since become a town institution. The shop is still owned by the O'Leary Family, and was tended lovingly by Mrs O'Leary as long as she could. She sadly passed away in 2020.

The shop is a great community asset as witnessed by its support for many local clubs and organizations, its noticeboard and its selling of locally-authored books this Christmas.

The Covid pandemic has been with us for about a year and has changed and challenged most activities. Despite its impositions, many sectors have continued to provide essential services. While the hospitals and other medical centres have been rightly singled out for attention and praise, many other businesses continue to provide essential services. In Macroom and district shops continue to open and keep us supplied with food, drink and other essential items.

Recently I spoke to Mr Ken Leonard, Manager of SuperValu Macroom for over 20 years, about the efforts of his staff. He highly praised his team because everyone 'bought in' and put their 'shoulders to the wheel'. This in turn generated great camaraderie and team-spirit within the workforce. This attitude was recognized and acknowledged by customers.

The pandemic has engendered a new respect and admiration for shop workers. Many in retail are enjoying their newly found increased public esteem.

Working in Covid times has been hard. For SuperValu, as well as dealing with the staff's anxiety caused by the pandemic and the fear of meeting the public for long hours in enclosed spaces, many work practices had to be changed. Training, explanations and reassurance to employees were necessary; sanitizing areas were established, floor spacing marked, screens erected, numbers limited, and customers educated in new behaviours. Most people co-operated fully and willingly.

The supermarket business was affected in many other ways. RTE broadcast that the sale of deodorants and shaving equipment has decreased while baking materials has increased greatly. Because of fear and public health advice, home deliveries increased; impulse buying is down. Because cafés, restaurants and hotels are closed, most people eat at home and this has increased food sales. A lot of food items are sourced locally, and this ensures a ready supply of the basics such as bread, meat, poultry, fish and milk. Access to other items has not been majorly impacted. Because of demand and the reduced capacity due to sickness, absenteeism and social



Keely Downey and Catherine Clarke, masked and screened at check-out. (C. Kelleher).



distancing at some factories, their ability to supply has been reduced, and that has caused some concern in the availability of some items at times. Brexit in the background is another worry but the threatened delays have generally not materialized so far outside of some lines that are still imported from Britain, such as some pet food products. Staff rostering became more complicated with Covid. SuperValu employs both full-time and temporary – mostly students – staff and one could argue that they learn more serving customers than they do in college. They certainly learn much about people. As well as putting money in their pockets, it is a great social outlet. Musgraves, SuperValu's supplier, has been very helpful with training templates, store guidelines and best practice advice. The HSE have also provided access to general guidelines and training tools for use in-store.

However, Ken reckons that the shop's success in dealing with Covid comes back to the old sporting adage that what matters is 'Attitude, Skill and Knowledge' and that working together as a team is always the most important ingredient for success. Skill and knowledge of the supermarket business and their customers is a given for SuperValu but it is in the vital category of 'Attitude' that Ken's team has been fantastic. They listened, adapted, turned up and did their work as pleasantly and efficiently

as possible. That might not seem like much, but in Covid times and compared to other groups and sectors, they have been excellent. Perhaps being community-based adds to the staff's commitment, and Macroom is lucky to have such a supermarket doing so well in the town.

Shortage of food and essentials is not a feature of this pandemic. This is due to the work of farmers, growers, processors, suppliers and especially shops and their staffs.

This writer would like to express the gratitude and admiration of many to an often-unsung group of workers who performed/performed wonderfully in very difficult circumstances.

Further, because food and nourishment are vital to people's wellbeing, there is an argument for vaccinating early these vital workers.

Well Done and Bravo.

P.S.

1. *Long-term Service:* Many of SuperValu's staff have been there for more than twenty years and include Abigail, Ann, Dermot, Jimmy, Jerry, Margaret, Myra, Liam and Tim.

2. *Masks:* Sometimes one still sees the occasional non-mask wearer in shops or offices. Wearing masks protects others and not yourself, and not wearing them in designated settings is selfish and possibly dangerous.



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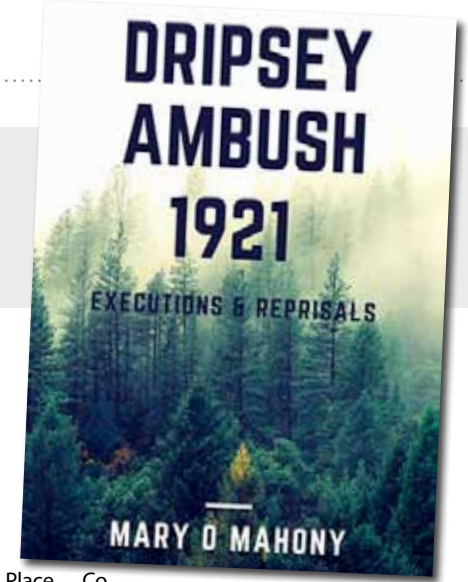
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Dripsey Ambush, Executions and Reprisals

By Mary O'Mahony



The 28th of February 2021 will mark the centenary of the executions of six IRA volunteers at Victoria Barracks, Cork. Five of these volunteers were captured at Dripsey, Co. Cork the previous month. The Dripsey Ambush is best remembered as one of the main military reversals of the War of Independence in Co. Cork, along with Mourneabbey and Clonmult. In each of these ambushes' informers were blamed for disclosing to the Crown Forces the position of the IRA.

February 1921 was described by Liam Deasy, West Cork Brigade Commander, as 'Cork's black month'. This month witnessed the execution of the Dripsey volunteers and the reversals of Mourneabbey and Clonmult ambushes. On the 28th of January 1921, an IRA ambush party of officers and volunteers from the 6th Battalion, Cork No. 1 Brigade under the command of Jackie O'Leary, O/C and Frank Busteed, Vice O/C lay in wait for a British military convoy at Godfrey's Cross, halfway between Coachford and Dripsey villages. The 6th Battalion was made up of seven companies encompassing Courtbrack, Blarney, Donoughmore, Aghabullogue/Rylane, Grenagh, Coachford and Inniscarra. The planned ambush became common knowledge in the area and Mrs Mary Georgina Lindsay, of Leemount House, Coachford travelled to Ballincollig and informed the authorities.

A party of between sixty-five and seventy men, including five officers of the Manchester regiment were deployed from Ballincollig to Dripsey. This heavily armed patrol left Ballincollig at 3.30 pm arriving at Dripsey Cross at 4 pm. Lieutenant Colonel Evans divided the patrol into five sections. The plan was that the British would encircle the ambush party from all sides in a classic pincer movement. As the British approached the ambush site they were seen by the IRA, the command was given to withdraw under cover of a rear-guard party, commanded by Captain James Barrett. The ambushers had now become the ambushed. In the ensuing gun fight ten men were captured and taken to Ballincollig Barracks.

On Monday, 31st of January, the ten prisoners were transferred from Ballincollig to Cork Detention Barracks located in Victoria Barracks, Cork to await trial. The introduction of martial law on the 10th of December 1920 meant that any 'person taking part in possession of arms, partaking in an ambush or aiding and abetting this, was liable to suffer death, after trial by military court'. This was now the fate that awaited the prisoners.

The wounded prisoners, James Barrett and Denis Murphy, were sent to the hospital wing of the barracks. Initial reports, including an official report, of the ambush incorrectly reported that one of the IRA volunteers had been killed at the scene. The national papers reported the ambush and Cork Constitution described the IRA thus:

Judging by appearances, they were of the labouring class, and had prior to their term on 'active service' been engaged in farming operations, as their boots were covered with white clay and the gaiters which some of them wore were bespattered with mud. None of them wore collars, and some of them had beards of considerable growth, indicating that they had not shaved for four or five days.

On Tuesday, 1st of February, Capt. Cornelius Murphy was the first volunteer executed at Cork Detention Barracks under martial law. He had been tried by a court martial on a charge of being in possession of a loaded revolver and sentenced to death.

The IRA leadership of Cork No. 1 Brigade discussed the possibility of organising an escape for the Dripsey men but given the heavily fortified Victoria Barracks this was deemed impossible.

The prisoners were aware of the seriousness of their situation and did not hold up any hope of being released. They were surprised when Mr J. F. Bourke, Barrister at Law (B.L) visited them on Sunday, 6th of February relaying to them that he would be representing them at their court martial hearings. He informed them that they would have to invent alibis to facilitate a defence. This would not prove a problem for Eugene Langtry and Denis Sheehan as they were innocent by-standers not associated with Sinn Féin or the IRA. The remaining prisoners were initially reluctant as they were members of the IRA, but on reflection some decided to heed his legal recommendations. Their counsel advised them that they would be under oath and would be cross-examined. Previously the IRA had refused to recognise the British court system adhering only to the Republican courts. IRA captured documents reveal that the Cork IRA engaged counsel in the Dripsey case due to the number of prisoners captured and the severity of the sentence, if they were found guilty.

The Field General Court Martial opened on Tuesday, 8th of February in the gymnasium of Victoria Barracks. The accused, Daniel O'Callaghan, Patrick O'Mahony, Timothy McCarthy, Thomas O'Brien, John Lyons, Jeremiah O'Callaghan, Eugene Langtry and Denis Sheehan were charged with:

1. *Committing an offence, in that near Dripsey, in the County of Cork, on 28th of January 1921 they did levy war against His Majesty by attacking, with other persons unknown, a detachment of His Majesty's Forces.*

2. *Committing an offence, in that near Dripsey, in the County of Cork, on 28th of January 1921 they did levy war against His Majesty by being concerned, with other persons unknown, in preparing an ambush.*

The trial lasted three days during which the court heard evidence in favour of the volunteers from their families and prominent members of the community, including Mrs Georgina Bowen-Colthurst who attended the court hearings and provided good character references for Volunteers Thomas O'Brien and Daniel O'Callaghan. RIC Sergeant Culhane, who had been stationed at the RIC barrack at Dripsey advised the court that he had never known Patrick O'Mahony or Thomas O'Brien to have been in trouble. Furthermore, he had made enquiries about Timothy McCarthy with Donoughmore police who knew him to be a law-abiding person. Major Woodley of Leades House, Aghinagh, a retired army doctor who had served in South Africa and France during the Great War, provided an excellent character witness for Volunteer Jeremiah O'Callaghan.

Jeremiah O'Callaghan, Eugene Langtry and Denis Sheehan were acquitted. The remaining five men were to be executed.

In the meantime, the IRA had found out that Mrs Lindsay had informed the military in Ballincollig of the ambush plans. Mrs Lindsay and her driver, James Clarke were taken hostage by the IRA in mid-February and held as prisoners. Letters were sent to General Strickland telling him that they would be killed if the Dripsey men were not released.

The executions of the Dripsey volunteers were delayed pending the outcome of the John Allen appeal case. John (known as Seán) Allen, of Bank

Place, Co.

Tipperary had been sentenced to death on 7th of February 1921 by a military court in Cork having been charged with the possession of a revolver, ammunition and a book entitled Night Fighting. Allen's legal counsel lodged an appeal with the High Court for a writ of certiorari (court process to seek judicial review of a decision of a lower court) to quash the proceedings and sentence. The appeal application argued that a state of war did not exist in Ireland. General Macreedy, Commander-in-Chief of the Crown Forces filed an affidavit to the High Court declaring that:

A state of open rebellion existed in Tipperary and adjoining counties ... that numerous acts have been done by a force known as the Irish Republican Army, which is organised as a military force.

The unanimous judgement of the King v Allen case on 24th of February 1921 was that a state of war did exist, and the appeal was rejected. There was no further need to delay the executions of Allen and the Dripsey volunteers. On Saturday 26th of February, Cork became aware that the prisoners would be executed on the following Monday. Florrie O'Donoghue, Cork No. 1 Brigade Adj., sent this unwelcome communication to the 6th Battalion HQ.

The prominent representatives of Cork city were lobbying the British Forces. Sir John H Scott, Cork City High Sheriff, dispatched telegrams to Lloyd George, Prime Minister; the Chief Secretary; the Under Secretary and General Macreedy pleading for the prisoners to be reprieved. On the same day, Saturday 26th of February, Cork Corporation held a meeting presided by Professor Alfred O'Rahilly where members expressed their horror and regret at the news that 'six good Irishmen would be shot in Cork Jail at 8 o'clock on Monday morning'. Professor O'Rahilly proposed that they should rigorously protest to the civilized world about these secret executions and asked that all men and women pray for these men who were about to die for Ireland. This resolution was forwarded to Cardinal Logue, Primate of Ireland; Catholic Archbishop of Dublin and the Catholic Bishops of Limerick, Waterford and Cork requesting that they ask for prayers for these brave men in all parish churches on Sunday and Monday.

On Monday, 28th of February, relatives and friends of the prisoners, Cumann na mBan and others congregated outside the walls of Victoria Barracks from 7.30 a.m. onwards. Outside the Old Youghal Road gate there was a whippet tank, an officer and several men with revolvers marching up and down. Searches were made of the first twelve men to arrive, with all men from the north side of the road searched. Mrs MacCurtain, widow of the late Lord Mayor arrived with a large statue of the Sacred Heart placing it opposite the place where the executions were to take place and facing the whippet tank, the people bowed their head in solemn prayers and contemplation.



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The men were executed in pairs: John Allen (aged 26) and Daniel O'Callaghan (aged 23) followed by Thomas O'Brien (aged 20) and Patrick O'Mahony (aged 23) and finally John Lyons (aged 23) and Timothy McCarthy (aged 20). Capt. W P Mulligan examined the bodies of each of the men one minute after the shooting and found in each case life extinct. Under oath at the court hearing, he gave his opinion that in each case death was instantaneous, caused by shock and haemorrhage due to rifle fire.

Their comrade and fellow prisoner, Denis Murphy years later recalled the morning of the executions: *About two hours later my cell door opened and I was taken outside to the exercise yard, guarded by a soldier with a revolver. I was always exercised alone at that time as I was the only prisoner awaiting trial on a capital charge. I never saw another prisoner from the time I was taken from the hospital to the Detention Barracks, except for the chance meeting with Packey Mahoney and the others. I saw blood on the ground. It was a hard morning.*

Each deceased man was attended by Canon Michael O'Sullivan who administered Extreme Unction. Canon O'Sullivan (administrator of the Cathedral and Parish Priest of the parish in which Cork Detention Barracks was located) remarked that the prisoners walked to their deaths like 'schoolboys on holidays'. He added that they were given a Christian burial as he was permitted to read the burial service in full.

After the executions, at 8.50 a.m. the relatives of the prisoners entered the barracks requesting to meet with the Provost Marshal to give him the following document:

We, the undersigned, the nearest relations of the men shot this morning in Victoria Barracks, hereby claim the remains of the following: - John Allen, Patrick

O'Mahony, Thomas O'Brien, Timothy McCarthy, John Lyons and Daniel O'Callaghan. Signed: Dan Lyons, Kate Mahony, Mary O'Brien, William Allen, Edmond O'Callaghan.

They were advised that the Provost Marshall could not see them until 10:00 a.m. At 9.15 a.m. two military ambulances left the barracks accompanied by two lorries of troops and an armoured car. The bodies of the prisoners were brought to Cork County Gaol and were buried in part of the exercise yard (now part of the U.C.C. campus).

The IRA's response to the executions was swift, brutal and carried out with military precision. Following a brigade meeting at Wallace's Shop, Brunswick Street, Cork a directive was issued by Seán O'Hegarty, Brigade O/C to the city battalions to attack all British Forces from 7 p.m. to curfew, on 28th February whether they were armed or not. There were wanted IRA men from Mid Cork and West Cork in the city that night who also took part in the retaliations. In Execution, Seán O'Callaghan details Frank Busted's part in the reprisals. Busted and another unnamed volunteer patrolled the area known as Hayes Lane, near Victoria Barracks and were responsible for the deaths of Private A.E. Whitear and Signalman, G. H. Boden. Both soldiers were out walking with their girlfriends at the time they were shot. In his Bureau of Military History Witness Statement Stephen Foley, 'G' company, 1st Battalion noted:

Six of us from 'C' company were patrolling North Main Street, when just before curfew at 10 p.m., a soldier came along our side of the street with two civilians. We fired on the soldier, killing him.

Volunteer Michael Murphy recalled that 'about fifty men took part in the attacks that night, revolvers being used in all cases. The most detailed description of the reprisals was outlined by Michael

V. O'Donoghue, a volunteer and student at U.C.C. O'Donoghue testified that the area allocated to 'A' company, Active Service Unit (ASU) was Patrick Street and adjoining streets. They operated in groups of twos and threes from 7 p.m. onwards. O'Donoghue's companion was Dan Barton. The shooting started all over the city. O'Donoghue claimed responsibility for shooting two soldiers in Princes Street and chasing a soldier to the door of a musical shop and shooting him dead. His story is collaborated by newspaper reports outlining the death of Private T. Wise. The outcome for the IRA that night was the shooting dead of six soldiers and wounding another six.

The executions of six volunteers under martial law in one single morning had not been witnessed in Ireland heretofore; its impact felt by every Cork volunteer irrespective of battalion membership.

Captain James Barrett would die in military hospital from his wounds on 22nd March. Volunteer Denis Murphy stood trial on the 9th of March and was sentenced to death. However, on March 17th his death sentence was commuted to twenty-five years penal servitude. Denis Murphy was released in the General Amnesty in January 1922.

Mrs Lindsay and James Clarke were executed by the IRA in March 1921.

To commemorate the above events, local historian Mary O'Mahony will publish a book titled - **Dripsey Ambush 1921, Executions & Reprisals** on 28th of February 2021. Proceeds from the sale of this publication will go towards Independence Museum Kilmurry and the Dripsey Ambush Site Fund.

Book Price €15. Books can be pre-ordered by contacting kilmurry.historical@gmail.com or telephone: 087 2251184.

CENTENARY OF YOUTH SHOT BY TANS IN CLONDROHID

Daniel O'Mahony was killed on February 11th 1921 when the Black and Tans came to the village where they found before them a destroyed bridge. Members of the Clondrohid Company part of the Cork No 1 Brigade demolished Clondrohid Bridge on February 9th 1921. It is claimed that it was the first bridge in Ireland to be blown up during the War of Independence. A party of Black and Tans raided the village of Clondrohid about 3pm on February 11th. When they came to the broken bridge, they fired shots indiscriminately shooting a boy of 16 years.. Daniel was working in Kelleher's bar in the village on the day he was shot. At the time there were only two customers in the bar brothers Jim & Jack Sean Kelleher from Clashmagine and the owner of the bar, Dan Kelleher was also present. The men were deep in conversation when suddenly

they heard the noise of lorries approaching from the Baile Mhuirne direction. The four of them ran out the back door of the pub and when they got outside, two ran to the left and the other two went to the right. Dan Kelleher (Danny Michilin's) pipe fell, and he bent over to pick it up but Daniel took the full force of the fusillade and one of the bullets struck him in the head and he died immediately in the little field at the back of Kelleher's bar. The Tans picked up the body and took to his home nearby and said 'you can have him now'. They then seized a few old people and took them to Macroom Castle, where they were interrogated about the identity of the men who destroyed the bridge. Nobody gave any information, not even the children who were later questioned on the same subject. Ar dheis De go raibh a anam.



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“THE APOSTLE OF VERMONT”

Fr. Jeremiah O’Callaghan, Dooneens 1780-1861.

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In 1805 Rt. Rev. William Coppinger Bishop of Cloyne and Ross ordained to the priesthood, a young man from the Parish of Aghinagh. His name was Fr. Jeremiah O’Callaghan. It is unlikely if anyone present at that ordination could foresee the trials and tribulations that he would have to endure, even being forgotten by his own people, very few people, if any, in the Dooneen area where he was born, ever even heard of him. He might very well have been forgotten, but for the late Paddy Hubbard and the late Fr Coombes P.P. of Timoleague, who provided me with much of the following information. Yet Fr O’Callaghan was to become a respected and well-liked priest, earning the title many years later of “The Apostle of Vermont”. Fr. O’Callaghan was born in the townland of Dooneens in 1780, and died on February 23rd, 1861, 160 years ago on Tuesday of next week. He was the eight of seventeen children, of which fifteen survived, his parents were Jeremiah and Mary (Twohig) O’Callaghan who were farmers. Very little is known of his childhood or his family. After his ordination in 1805 he was at once appointed to a curacy on the Island of Cape Clear. All went well here with both his superiors and his parishioners, until after about four months when he attended a conference of the clergy in Rosscarbery. The subject of Usury was discussed at this conference and there was much difference of opinion on it. A Rev. William O’Brien of Clonakilty approved of it, Rev. Daniel Burke of Ross condemned it. Rev. Daniel Walsh chairman of the conference proposed a debate on the matter.

Rev. William O’Brien opened the debate supporting Usury and being in the full vigour of youth, spoke with warmth and energy, producing little by way of sacred proof, “but nearly worldly reasons drawn from common sense”.

Rev. Daniel Burke who was nearly eighty years, opposed the motion, but I suppose because of his age “was not even able to read the long list of Fathers and Councils, he held in his trembling hand” Other priests who supported him were forced for want of preparation to quit the field. The Chairman then declared the motion carried in favour of Usury. The problem of interest and usury then became a subject that occupied Fr O’Callaghan’s mind for years, and finally became the ruling passion of his life. Four years later he was moved to Aghnakishey with Fr. Kepple P.P. His new Parish Priest a pious and learned priest of the old school, played important part in converting Father O’Callaghan to the non-usury ranks. His ideas were almost the direct cause of Fr. O’Callaghan’s undertaking an exhaustive study of the question of usury. In his research of nine years, he found nothing in Scriptures and tradition that justified in his mind the practice of interest taking but saw rather that all argument was to the contrary. He concluded therefore that the modern theory was against the law of God and must be suppressed at whatever cost. Following this lengthy study, he wrote on the 27th of January 1818 a respectful letter to the Bishop, telling him of his personal conclusion in regard to interest, but manifesting his willingness to submit to the judgement of his superior.

Bishop Coppinger answered his letter by appointing him assistant to Fr. Maloney in the Parish of Roscarbery, and by way of encouragement telling him that, “There might not be more than three or four usurers in that parish whom he might leave to the spiritual care of the Pastor (P.P.) who had no scruples in the affair”. In October 1818 Fr O’Callaghan refused to administer the last rites to a dying man named Mr Fitzpatrick who was known to be

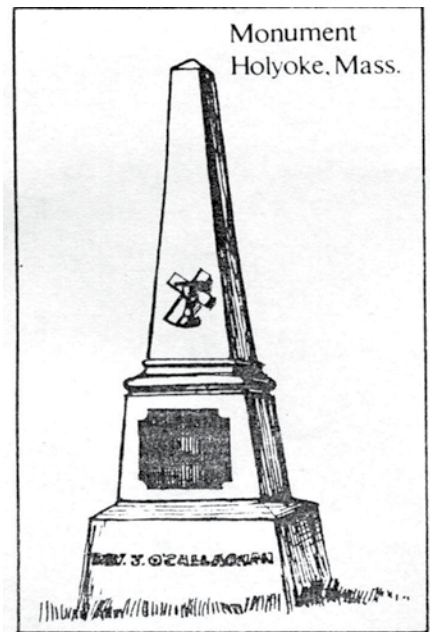
trafficker and usurer. Mr Fitzpatrick was a merchant who dealt in flaxseed and was said to have a “cash price and a time price”. The young priest told his penitent that he could not receive absolution until after he had remitted to his customers the interest, he had taken from them. The dying man complied with this condition as he looked on Fr. O’Callaghan’s “advise to be the safest with regard to eternity” and requested the priest to read his last will publicly to the congregation. Father O’ Callaghan read the will as requested but stirred up a hornet’s nest by so doing. All the usurers rose up against him and presented their case to the Pastor who took offence at his curate’s action and requested the Bishop to send him another assistant who would be more tractable. The Bishop lost patience and immediately suspended Father O’ Callaghan from office and benefice. Furthermore, the letter of suspension was read to the congregation and to the dying man. Father O’ Callaghan was told he might resume his ministry on condition that he was silent on usury. To this the mortified young priest answered that although he anxiously wished to obey and revere his Bishop, he felt bound in conscience not to yield to him on the question of usury, because he was convinced that money lending for gain’s sake was forbidden by Divine law. In this state of mind, firmly convinced as to the righteousness of his position, he asked for dimissorial letters, intending to go to another diocese to labour. The prelate granted him dimissorial letters on seventh of October 1819, testifying to his good character and reputation, and permitting him to perform his sacred functions.

He then sold everything he had, goods, furniture, and his horse, and with the fifty pounds he received he set sail in mid-October, in a schooner laden with butter from Cork to Southampton, which cost him two guineas. Thus, began his wanderings which were to last until he took up his abode in Vermont eleven years later. He went from Southampton to Harve arriving there on All Saints day and then to Paris where he was offered a position in the diocese of Soissons which he declined because he did not understand the French language. Consequently, he decided to return to his native Ireland, arriving in Cork in April 1820.

He went back to the Bishop and told him that he had found all France condemning usury. The Bishop offered to reinstate him, but only on the condition that he would promise in writing to observe complete silence in regard to usury. Father O’ Callaghan, his ardour not at all dampened by his voyage, replied with firmness that he preferred to endure all manner of privations and indignities rather than succumb to a practice he was convinced was contrary to every point of faith. Thereupon the Bishop answered that on account of his obstinacy and want of obedience he would neither restore him, nor allow any Bishop of Ireland to grant him sacerdotal faculties.

Father O’Callaghan now realised that he was in a desperate circumstances. Accordingly, he appealed to Archbishop Curtis, Primate of Ireland, but met with no success. There remained but one way by which his position, which, much against his will, had become very irregular, could be rectified - that was by an appeal to Rome. This appeal he made, and while awaiting response, taught school in Ross Carberry which he opened in 1880.

But the answer from Rome was long in coming. He waited seven months and then, concluding that the appeal had either not reached Rome, or was not deemed worthy of a reply, he turned his thoughts westward, and went to America.



He sailed from Cork with the ship “William” on March 8, 1823, and reached New York after a fearful passage on April 23, and spent several days with Rev. John Power, from Skibbereen his brother William who was a doctor and a sister Ann, Fr O’Callaghan was introduced to Bishop Connelly by Fr Power. The bishop who was in sore need of priests, would have gladly accepted Father O’ Callaghan, but when he told him that he had left Ireland because he had refused to countenance the practice of usury, the Bishop refused to engage him, since he himself allowed the taking of interest in his diocese.

In September 1823, he went to Baltimore and presented his papers to Dr. Mareschall, Archbishop of the U.S. and was refused for a like reason. From there he went to Philadelphia, where he met with John Ryan of Buttevant. From there he returned to New York Despairing of ever being incarnated in what seemed to him a money mad U.S., he decided to go to Canada on the strength of the report that usury was there considered an abomination.

He travelled one hundred and fifty miles up the Hudson river to Albany by steamer, and another ninety-six miles by canal boat to Utica. From here he travelled ninety miles to Sachet’s Harbour by coach and arrived there to take the last packet to Kingston, Upper Canada in mid-November. When he arrived at Kingston, he found the river boats already put up for the winter, this obliged him to make the long trip down the St. Lawrence River to Montreal in an open rowboat with some pleasant youthful Canadians. As they had no accommodations in their little bateau, they would stop at farmhouses they chanced to meet for their meals and lodgings. The evening of the third day brought him to Montreal. Greatly to his pleasure he found the report that he had heard concerning usury was true, with a light heart and rising hopes continued on his way to Quebec, making the journey from Montreal by sleigh as the river was completely frozen.

When he arrived in Quebec, he stayed with Rev Mr. Desjardin and later with Rev Thomas McGwire who was a descendant of respectable emigrants from Kilkenny and was curate of St. Michaels Parish which was thirteen miles down the river. Fr O’Callaghan wasted little time before he presented himself to the Archbishop Dr Plessis and met with an unexpected refusal. He was rejected this time on the ground that he had not been accepted by the Bishop of New York, who, as the Archbishop reasoned would not have refused him without the greatest reason for doing so, since the New York Bishop was in great need of priests and was very partial to the Irish clergy.

That hour when he learned that the Archbishop would not receive him was one of the darkest of his life seems evident from the following quotation, from one of his writings: “Thus was dashed to pieces the cup I was raising to my lips; thus, was frustrated my journey of seven hundred miles through woods,

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rivers and lakes; under rain, frost and snow. They will be done O God, on earth as it is in heaven."

As a matter of fact, not only was his trip from New York to Quebec in vain, but also his long trip across the Atlantic had proven fruitless. Nothing remained but to return to an Old Irish friend Rev Lafleur who was P.P. in a parish near Montreal. He spent some weeks there preparing notes for a book on Usury which he intended publishing when he again reached New York.

He reached New York on the sixteenth of March 1824 and started out in search of a printer for his book. For some time, he met with failure, but at last succeeded in finding a publisher who agreed on difficult terms to undertake his volume on usury and printed five hundred copies.

But still better an undreamed-of fortune awaited him. He found that a letter had been advertised for him at the post-office. On inquiring he learned that the letter was the long-awaited reply from Rome. It was dated 5th of July 1823 the official document from Rome read as follows:

"Reverend Sir:

The controversy that has arisen between you and the Rt. Rev. William Coppinger, Bishop of Cloyne and Ross, regarding loan and usury, reached the Sacred Congregation. Hence it really seems that there is much reason to dread that the five rules of Benedict XIV, of holy memory, in a circular letter to the Bishops of Italy, bearing date of November 1st, 1745, digested and expounded, are not sufficiently known to you. Consequently, the Sacred Congregation resolved to send these five Rules or Sentences which contain the Universal and perpetual doctrine of the Catholic on Usury, and which therefore, the Supreme Pontiff in circular letter has approved and confirmed.

"If you duly weigh the contents of this letter; if you with docile and humble mind embrace them; if you follow them in every respect, there will be no reason why the above mentioned prelate could in justice be angry with you on the doctrine of Usury. Laying aside, therefore, all party spirit and ambitious views, go to the Bishop, and profess that you hold all just obedience to him your lawful superior, so far, that you will not at all, either in writing or preaching, inculcate to teach anything contrary to these Sentences. I hope you will gain from him the grace of reconciliation.

"In the meantime I earnestly pray that God may mercifully vouchsafe you every blessing.

"H. CAR, Consalvi, Pro. Praef.

"Rome, 5th July, 1823.

*"To the Rev. Jeremiah O'Callaghan,
"Ross Carberry, Ireland."*

Fr O'Callaghan remained in New York little more than five months to sell his book on Usury. On the 7th of July 1824 he set sail on the "Carolina Anne" which was bound for Belfast, twenty-one days later he could see the high lands of Kerry, and then the humble peak of Cape Clear. On the 30th of July

he was put ashore by fishermen in Bear Haven and spent the next ten days and nights in quarantine with the crew. He took the next market boat to Bantry and then by coach to Skibbereen. He spent a few in Ross before travelling on to Cove where he presented to the Bishop his letter from the Sacred Congregation.

Convinced as he was of the evil of usury, Fr O'Callaghan seemed to have not realised that the letter from Rome was capable of other interpretations than what he had placed upon it. He had understood the decree as excusing him from all blame. Consequently, when his bishop saw fit to give another interpretation to the letter, and to impose conditions upon him for his reinstatement into the diocese, Fr. O'Callaghan refused. Bishop Coppinger thereupon again refused to receive him and dismissed him with the statement that "You are commanded to come to me, but I am not commanded to receive you".

The plight of Fr. O'Callaghan now seemed desperate. He resolved with a sinking heart to make another appeal to Rome, this time in person. He set out immediately but was sorely handicapped by lack of funds. He spent the next three weeks in Dublin, where some city priests paid for his journey to Rome. He sailed to Liverpool and then by coach to London. While in London he left a copy of his book on Usury at the office of Hon. William Cobbett, one of the most important Englishmen of the time. Mr. Cobbett was greatly interested in this unique book, and published the following advertisement in the Weekly Register for several months:

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Fr O'Callaghan, however on the day he arrived, had gone to Dover and embarked for France. From Paris he took a seat in the Diligence for Lyons, with an Irish Matron and her son and daughter who were bound for Tuscany.

Also travelling with them was a Welsh Doctor who was travelling to Rome, and a French lady who was going to the south of France. After three days and nights they arrived in Lyons. From there he travelled to Avignon and Marseilles, then on to Leghorn by feluca barge, which cost him thirty franks. He was delayed by bad weather for eleven days in Speranza. After two days in Leghorn he travelled south by Vitura to Rome, a distance of about three hundred miles, and a cost of fourteen dollars.

When he arrived in Rome, he fulfilled all the

necessary conditions, and presented to the Sacred Congregation both his book on usury and a statement of his case. The Cardinals, who are noted for their prudence and precaution, refused to do anything before hearing both sides. They ordered Bishop Coppinger to send in his defence, which took another five months. The Bishop made no defence of usury in general, but excused the trafficker for two reasons: "First, he is entitled to compensation for the risks he incurs with time purchasers; and secondly, the clergy would, by opposing a deep-rooted and general custom, fall in to contempt and be despised on all questions". He also advised Cardinal Caprano that "Fr. O'Callaghan receives a profit from his book and therefore is in no need of a pension in Rome". However, sometime later Rev. Mr. Gladwell Superior of the English College arrived from London with the news that his book was published by Mr. Corbett

The Sacred Congregation set aside objections and sent to the Bishop instructions to suppress altogether all the extortion in his diocese. He accordingly issued in 1825 a circular letter to the clergy of Ross Carberry to dissuade all traffickers in the name of the Holy See from such extortion in the future.

Having accomplished the purpose of his journey, Father O'Callaghan left Rome, by Virtura and arrived in Florence on the twenty fifth of May 1825, then crossing the Campania Romana and then the snow white Alps to Lyons arriving there on the tenth of June 1825. Next stop was a visit to Rev Henry Power Professor of Theology, at the College of the Holy Ghost, Paris, and thence to London. As he had heard that Mr. Cobbett was searching for him, he hastened to that gentleman's office. Mr. Cobbett received him kindly, entertained him hospitably for a few days, and gave to him the profits from the sale of his book on usury. He was employed by Mr Cobbett for some time as a tutor for his sons. With some of this money, Father O'Callaghan was able to fit himself with much needed garments, and to proceed on his way homeward.

He boarded a vessel bound for Cork, and then hastened to Cove where he again saw his Bishop. But again, he was doomed to failure. Though the Bishop would have reinstated him, it seems from the account left us that the interview was far from calm. In consequence, when the Bishop refused to allow Father O'Callaghan to see the brief from Rome, Father O'Callaghan likewise refused to meet the conditions laid down by the prelate, namely, that an apology must be made before his reinstatement. Thus, ended all contact between Father O'Callaghan and Bishop Coppinger.

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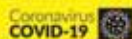
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The main officers of Macroom GAA Juvenile Club have been appointed for 2021. Mark O'Sullivan will take up position as Macroom GAA Juvenile Chairman and Orla Kelleher will take up the Juvenile Secretary position for 2021. If anyone needs to reach a member of the Juvenile committee for any matters, please contact Mark O'Sullivan on 087-7528004.



Ten Years Ago

Cork U21 Footballers are 2011 Munster Football Champions

Micheál Ó Laoire of Naomh Abán was midfield and Ciarán Sheehan Éire Óg was in attack with the Cork U 21 footballers who defeated Tipperary in the Munster semifinal at Cork.

Cork U 21 footballers gave Kerry a big beating in the Munster final at Páirc úí Rinn. The final score was Cork 2 - 24 Kerry 0 - 8, the heaviest defeat Kerry ever suffered in the 50 year history of the grade. Naomh Abán's Micheál Ó Laoire starred for Cork as a midfield partner for team captain Aidan Walsh, Ciarán Sheehan of Éire Óg was brilliant in attack and his Éire Óg teammate Kevin Hallissey was a substitute. Cork play Galway in the All Ireland

All Ireland U 21 Football Championship semifinal:

Galway 1 - 11 Cork 0 - 12

Defeat by Galway in the All-Ireland semifinal was a surprise and a major disappointment for Cork. Cork had defeated Kerry in impressive style ten days earlier and maybe the hype after that victory got to the players and they thought that the All Ireland was already won. Éire Óg's Ciarán Sheehan was outstanding for Cork in attack, scoring 0-4, but had to be withdrawn to midfield when Aidan Walsh was injured in the 41st minute and his penetrating runs were missed from the Cork attack in the closing stages when much needed. Micheál Ó Laoire, Naomh Abán, was at midfield for Cork and Kevin Hallissey (Éire Óg) replaced Walsh and scored Cork's only point of the closing twenty minutes.

Cork Senior Footballers - All Ireland Champions 2010 retain their Allianz National Football League Division One title defeating Dublin in the final

Cork 1 - 17 Kerry 1 - 13: Cork, the reigning All Ireland Football Champions, did to Kerry what



Muskerry Senior Footballers 2011

their neighbours normally do to them when they scored two late points in the opening league game at Tralee to take the honours and crucially, the two league points. Daniel Goulding of Éire Óg was the hero of the hour for the Rebels, scoring the two late points from frees and in all contributing 0-7 to the total. Cork were captained by Nollaig Ó Laoire of Cill na Martra and Fintan Goold of Macroom was also in the line out, as was Paddy Kelly of Ballincollig. Ciarán Sheehan of Éire Óg and Macroom's David Goold came on as substitutes for the winners.

Cork lost to Dublin 3-13 to 0-16 in the Allianz National Football league game, played under lights in Croke Park. In their first home game in the league, Cork then defeated Monaghan 1-15 1-12 at Páirc Uí Chaoimh to earn their second win in three games. Fintan Goold (Macroom), Paddy Kelly (Ballincollig), Daniel Goulding and Ciarán Sheehan (Éire Óg) figured with Cork in these two encounters. Cork defeated Down by 3-17 to 0-15 under lights at Páirc Uí Rinn in their next game and then defeated Galway 0-16 to 0-13. Cork

lost to Mayo 1-13 to 0-14 in their penultimate encounter but then defeated Armagh 2-15 to 1-12 at home to qualify Cork senior footballers, All Ireland champions of 2010 and reigning league champions, thus qualified for the Allianz National League final against Dublin at Croke Park ahead of Kerry, whom they had defeated in the opening round of the league at Tralee in February.

2011 Allianz NFL Div 1 Final

Cork 0 - 21 Dublin 2 - 14

One All-Ireland and two Allianz League (Division 1) titles in the space of 12 months has taken Cork football up into territory not visited before as they emulated Mayo by winning successive spring competitions, separated by the major September prize. Beating a team that had been the most consistent in the divisional games was always going to demand a better performance than anything Cork had given so far. But it actually took a whole lot more than that after they were pushed into the deepest of holes by Dublin's energy and industry.



The world must have looked a dark, lonely place for Cork when Diarmuid Connolly confidently looped over a point in the 40th minute to take Dublin eight points clear and seemingly on their way to a first National League title since 1993. They had finished the first half with four unanswered points and then added 1-2 in the opening five minutes of the second period in an enterprising burst that was reminiscent of the many fine periods they had put together in their previous seven games. Cork, who started without Nicholas Murphy, had lost Fintan Goold and John Miskella to injury in the first half and with Aidan Walsh and Eoin Cadogan also absent, it put a sizeable strain on their resources. Ominously, the response was one of relentless defiance which created a whole new momentum.

They outscored Dublin 0-11 to 0-2 in the final half hour, with the winning point coming from the enterprising Ciarán Sheehan in the 67th minute. Dublin's only scores in that period came from their two best forwards, Kevin McManamon (56th minute) and Bernard Brogan (48th-minute free). Brogan was forced out with a hamstring pull in the 50th minute, a loss which was to prove crucial for Dublin. McManamon, who scored five points from open play in what was probably his best performance on the inter-county scene, plugged on but support levels were erratic as the Cork defence asserted itself. Nonetheless, Dublin missed a few glorious chances in the closing minutes while Cork were neat and methodical

as they chiselled into Dublin's lead. They didn't test Stephen Cluxton once with a goal-bound effort, remaining content to pick off points after skilfully crafted moves. The intelligent probing of the outstanding Patrick Kelly, the powerful running of Pearse O'Neill, the confident shooting of Sheehan and the growing influence of Donncha O'Connor all combined to worry the Dublin defence into repeating some of the mistakes which undermined them against Cork in last year's All-Ireland semi-final. Noel O'Leary, Michael Shields, freed of the demanding Brogan-watch role, Jamie O'Sullivan and sub Denis O'Sullivan also contributed handsomely to Cork's ultra-effective rally.

Once the flow went against Dublin, they became edgy and insecure and Cork exploited their opponents' unease and were rewarded with a string of points which eventually took them over the winning line. Cork will regard it as a victory for confidence and experience, whereas Dublin were left facing the ghosts of past failures which were caused by poor finishes. Losing the final 30 minutes of a game 0-11 to 0-2 is a serious issue, bringing into question the defensive alignment. The attack maintained their two-goals-per-game return and decorated it with 14 points which would usually be enough to win a game. Dublin led 1-4 to 0-3 after 15 minutes before Cork hit four points to draw level. Kelly put Cork a point clear in the 26th minute but Dublin dominated the closing stages of the half, kicking four points

to lead by 1-10 to 0-10 at the interval.

Dublin started the second half decisively, but Cork never panicked and instead treated Dublin's eight-point lead as a challenge which just had to be met.

Man of the Match: Patrick Kelly (Cork)

Scorers — Cork: D Goulding (0-2f), C Sheehan 0-4 each, P O'Neill, P Kelly, D O'Connor (0-1f) 0-3 each, J O'Sullivan, F Goold, N O'Leary, F Lynch 0-1 each. Dublin: B Brogan 1-3 (0-1f), K McManamon 0-5, T Quinn 1-2, D Connolly 0-2, B Cahill, K Nolan 0-1 each.

Cork: K O'Halloran; J O'Sullivan, R Carey, M Shields; Nollaig Ó Laoire, Johnny Miskella, P Kissane; A O'Connor, P O'Neill; Ciarán Sheehan, Paddy Kelly, Fintan Goold; Daniel Goulding, D O'Connor, P Kerrigan. Subs: F Lynch (26), D O'Sullivan (28), David Goold (35), N Murphy (65). Dublin: S Cluxton 7; M Fitzsimons 6, B Brogan 7, P McMahon 6; B Cahill 7, G Brennan 6, K Nolan 7; D Bastick 6, MD Macauley 7; B Cullen 7, K McManamon 8, P Flynn 6; B Brogan 8, D Connolly 7, T Quinn 7. Subs: D Daly 5 for Cullen (47), P Burke 6 for B Brogan (50), D Kelly 5 for Connolly (54), P Andrews 7 for Daly (62), D Lally for Cahill (72)

Ref — J McQuillan (Cavan)

The 2011 Allianz National Football League – Division One title was a 7th league win for Cork and Daniel Goulding finished as the league's leading scorer with 0-48 from 8 games.

2011 County Senior Football Championship Divisions/Colleges Section

Round 1: Muskerry 0 – 15 Duhallow 0 – 6;
Carbery 0 – 15 Imokilly 0 – 10
Round 2: Carbery 3 – 6 Muskerry 2 – 8,
Duhallow 3 – 16 Imokilly 1 – 13
Round 3: Muskerry walk over, Imokilly conceded,
Carbery 2 – 13 Duhallow 0 – 14

Outcome: Carbery, with three wins from three games, emerge as Group winners and will play U.C.C., the winner of this game to advance to last 16 of championship. Muskerry exit the competition.

Muskerry 0 – 15 Duhallow 0 – 6

In their opening group game, under lights at Cloughduv, Muskerry had their first championship win over Duhallow in over a decade and reversed last year's seven-point defeat in emphatic fashion. Muskerry had Nollaig Ó Laoire, Fintan Goold and Daniel Goulding of the All Ireland winning Cork side in their ranks, while Duhallow had to line out without the injured Donncha O'Connor. Muskerry had prepared well for the game and well focussed, they never looked in danger from start to finish.

Muskerry hit the ground running and they led by 0-6 to nil after 17 minutes and were already on the high road to victory. They were in near total control in defence and with midfield also doing well the attack got plenty of quality ball and used it well. Daniel Goulding shot over three points and there was one apiece from Aindrias Concannon, Liam Shorten and Noel O'Leary without reply from the North Cork men. Daniel Goulding then kicked over from a '45' and had added another point from play to leave eight points between the teams before Duhallow had their only score of the first half, a point in the 28th minute. Muskerry had the final score of the half however with a point from wing back Dermot O'Herlihy which left them leading by 0-9 to 0-1 half time.

Duhallow had two points early in the second



Donoughmore B who lost to Iveleary in the Macroom Motor Services Mid Cork U21 C Football Final

half in a short-lived revival before the Muskerry dominance was re-established. Aghinagh's Declan Ambrose, the only player from a junior club in the starting line out, had a point for Muskerry in the 35th minute and Goulding from a free and Liam Shorten from play added a point each to open up a nine-point gap between the teams. A point for Duhallow from a free reduced the deficit slightly (0-12 to 0-4) but as the game entered the final quarter the outcome was fairly certain and five Duhallow substitutions in rapid succession were not enough to reverse the established trend. Muskerry had further points from Daniel Goulding, substitute Daragh Ring and Fintan Goold, and Duhallow had two points in reply but Muskerry were comfortably in control at the final whistle. Muskerry: James O'Connell (Macroom); Tadhg O'Scanail (Naomh Abán), Eoin O'Mahony (Macroom), Colm O'Laoire (Cill na Martra); Seamus O'Mathúna (Naomh Abán), Nollaig O'Laoire (Cill na Martra), Dermot O'Herlihy (Éire Óg); Micheál O'Laoire (Naomh

Abán), Fintan Goold (Macroom); Aindrias Ó Coinceannain (Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh), David Goold (Macroom), Donncha Ó Cróinín (Naomh Abán); Liam Seartan (Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh), Daniel Goulding (Éire Óg), Declan Ambrose (Aghinagh). Subs Used: Mártín Ó Conchuir (Cill na Martra), Paul O'Sullivan (Canovee), Darragh Ring (Canovee), Paul O'Leary (Blarney).

Carbery 3 – 6 (15) Muskerry 2 – 8 (14)

After their comprehensive win over Duhallow, Muskerry entered this game against Carbery fully confident that they could continue unbeaten in the group, even though Carbery had beaten Imokilly in the interim in their opening group game. The game was played under lights at Cloughduv but home advantage was of little benefit to Muskerry who were rocked by the intensity of the West Cork men's challenge. Exchanges were sharp, Carbery were very committed, and they had a game plan of rattling in to the 'big guns' on the Muskerry team and in particular reducing the threat of Daniel Goulding in the Muskerry attack with a rapid-tackling



smothering defence. They succeeded well in their ambitions and led by nine points coming into the closing stage when a late Muskerry rally, which yielded 2-2 without reply, cut the deficit to the minimum and almost rescued the day in sensational fashion.

The Muskerry defence was opened up for a goal early on and a second Carbery goal at the end of the first quarter left the Muskerry men five points in arrears (2-3 to 0-4) and already struggling to match the commitment of their opponents. Daniel Goulding had scored two of the Muskerry points, one from a '45' and the other from play, with Liam Shorten and Denis Cronin chipping in with one apiece. The Carbery attack was causing the Muskerry defence many problems and at the other end the winner's defence was not standing on ceremony and was not showing much respect for reputations. David Goold and Daniel Goulding each had points from frees before Carbery had a late point to lead by 2-4 to 0-6 at half time. Muskerry made positional

changes in attack for the second half but Carbery struck early for a third goal, a forward sweeping on to a loose ball to billow the net as the defence was wrong footed. Carbery added a point to open up a nine-point advantage but then lost a forward and had to play on with only fourteen men. In the final ten minutes Muskerry began to cut into the big deficit and two points from David Goold left seven points between the teams as normal time ended. A goal from Goold at this stage reduced the gap to four points and an altercation left the teams on equal numerical standing, a Muskerry defender getting a second yellow card and so being dismissed. There was further drama when David Goold was fouled in the Carbery goalmouth (second yellow and dismissal for the defender!) and a penalty was awarded, which Daniel Goulding confidently dispatched to the Carbery net. Only a single point now separated the teams after these sensational events, but time had run out for Muskerry and the final whistle sounded, leaving Carbery

joyful and favourites to beat Duhallow in their final group game and so advance. The Muskerry team started as against Duhallow with Conor Brosnan (Ballinora), Rory Buckley (Macroom) and Paul O'Leary (Blarney) being introduced as substitutes during the game.

Muskerry walk over, Imokilly conceded In the final group game, Muskerry received a walk over from Imokilly, the latter being unable to field a team after losing their two opening games. It is almost unheard of that a team would give a walk over in senior championship and shows that the new system whereby divisions got THREE championship games in the preliminary stage was an ill-conceived one and one which only caused massive disruption for clubs in the intermediate grades trying to prepare for championship themselves and caused problems for some over-engaged county players while the 'ordinary' club player was left idle. Surely time for a re-think for 2012!

2011 Macroom Motors U21 B Football Championship

1st Round:

Inniscarra 1 - 12 Grenagh 0 - 13

Kilmurphy 3 - 8 Ballinora 1 - 6

Quarter Final:

(A) Kilmurphy 3 - 15 Inniscarra 0 - 4

(B) Naomh Aban 0 - 14 Canovee 2 - 6

(C) Beal Atha'n Ghaorthaidh 3 - 12 Blarney 1 - 8

(D) Cill na Martra 0 - 10 Aghabullogue 1 - 7 - draw

Cill na Martra 2 - 13 Aghabullogue 0 - 9 - Replay

Semi Final:

Naomh Abán 0-12 Kilmurphy 1-8

Cill na Martra 1-11 Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh 0-5

Final:

Cill na Martra 2-14 Naomh Abán 1-14

Inniscarra 1 - 12 Grenagh 0 - 13

Even though Grenagh had only 14 fit men on the field at any stage and indeed finished the game with one less after a red card incident, they still made it difficult for Inniscarra in the first-round game at Kerry Pike. The first half was very even with the sides exchanging score for score but Inniscarra had their noses in front at the break, leading by 0-6 to 0-5. Grenagh had a good third quarter and outscoring Inniscarra by three points to one, enjoyed a one-point advantage. Liam O'Brien's goal for 'Scarra at this stage however

put his side back in front and they held their advantage to the finish against opponents who never gave up. Inniscarra scorers were Liam O'Brien 1-0, Chris O'Connor 0-5, Conor Cronin 0-3, Sean O'Callaghan 0-2, Jim Nelligan 0-1, Conor Buckley 0-1 and the team was: Damian Kelleher: Stephen Looney, James O'Driscoll, Liam Hennessey: Gavin McCarthy, Stephen O'Sullivan, Ian Curtin: Conor Buckley, George O'Mahony: Liam O'Brien, Jim Nelligan, Aidan Carr: Sean O'Callaghan, Chris O'Connor, Conor Cronin. Subs: Daragh Masterson, Paul Farmer, Dan O'Connor and Robert O'Keeffe.

Kilmurphy 3 - 8 Ballinora 1 - 6

Kilmurphy had a tough battle on their hands against Ballinora at Ovens. Ballinora had the ball in the Kilmurphy net after seven minutes play and added a point to lead by 1-1 to nil before Alan O'Sullivan opened the scoring for Kilmurphy with a point in the 14th minute. Daniel Buckley's goal in the 20th minute brought Kilmurphy to level terms and they went in front for the first time with a point from William Buckley. Further points from William Buckley, Colm Crowley and Buckley again gave Kilmurphy a 1-5 to 1-1 interval lead. Alan O'Sullivan and William Buckley had early second half points for Kilmurphy but Ballinora hit back with three points in a row to narrow the gap between the teams to three points by the three-quarter stage, 1-7 to 1-4. The next score would be vital and it was - a goal for Kilmurphy from Daniel Buckley (his second!) in the 49th minute, which was a tremendous boost to the boys in green and gold. A third Kilmurphy goal in the 55th minute, this one from Paud O'Connell was the final nail in the Ballinora coffin and Greg Barrett had a late point to further embellish the winners' scoreline.

Kilmurphy: Jason McDonnell: Patrick O'Sullivan, Kevin Barrett, Daniel Goulding: Paul Kearney, Pat O'Sullivan, Joseph O'Dowd: Colm Ryan, Colm Crowley: Martin O'Sullivan, William Buckley, Daniel Buckley: Pádraig O'Connell, Greg Barrett, Alan O'Sullivan. Subs: Robert Cahalane and Mark Cullinane.

Quarter Finals

Kilmurphy 3 - 15 Inniscarra 0 - 4

The scoreline tells the tale in this championship quarter final at Cloughduv. Kilmurphy got on top



Kilmurphy U21 footballers 2011

early on and never looked in danger of losing. Daniel Buckley had the ball in the Inniscarra net as early as the second minute and this set the tone for the hour - Kilmurphy were too well prepared and had too much all round talent for a plucky but outgunned Inniscarra side. At half time Kilmurphy led by 1-7 to 0-1 and looked to have their semi place booked already. Within three minutes of the restart, Kilmurphy had scored two further goals, both from Greg Barrett, to put the issue beyond doubt and they could afford to empty their subs bench subsequently without any loss of control. Scorers: Kilmurphy: Greg Barrett 2-2, William Buckley 0-4 (0-2 frees), Daniel Buckley 1-0, Alan O'Sullivan 0-3, Martin O'Sullivan 0-2, Pat O'Sullivan, Pádraig O'Connell, Joseph O'Dowd, Jonathan Buckley 0-1 each. Inniscarra: Conor Buckley 0-2, Sean O'Callaghan and Jim

Nelligan 0-1 each. Kilmurphy: Jason McDonnell: Patrick O'Sullivan, Kevin Barrett, Daniel Goulding: Paul Kearney, Pat O'Sullivan, Joseph O'Dowd: Colm Ryan, Colm Crowley: Daniel Buckley, William Buckley, Martin O'Sullivan: Pádraig O'Connell, Greg Barrett, Alan O'Sullivan. Subs: Daniel O'Connor, Adam Healy, Jonathan Buckley, Stephen Hartnett, Dara O'Leary. Inniscarra: Damian Kelleher: Stephen Looney, Michael Ryan, Ciarán O'Connor: Gavin McCarthy, Stephen O'Sullivan, Ger O'Brien: Conor Buckley, George O'Mahony: Liam O'Brien, Jim Nelligan, Kieran Rice: Seán O'Callaghan, Chris O'Connor, Conor Cronin. Subs: Jamie Barry, Lorcan O'Regan.

Naomh Abán 0 - 14 Canovee 2 - 6

This quarter final at the Castle Grounds was a smashing game of football. Two fit, footballing sides, highly motivated gave of their best in a



great contest and the issue was in doubt to the finish. A point separated the teams at the break and with ten minutes remaining Canovee led by three points. Four minutes later the teams were level and eight scoreless minutes of high tension followed as both sides strained with all their might for a winner. Naomh Abán broke the deadlock in the 3rd minute of injury time through Declan Allen and Allen added another point before the final whistle to copper fasten the victory. It was tough luck on a battling Canovee side which had made a major contribution to an outstanding championship match.

A goal from Darragh Ring for Canovee in the 11th minute gave his side the edge for much of the opening half, they led by 1-3 to 0-2 early on the second quarter, but Naomh Aban rallied in the run up to half time and with points from Declan Allen, Colm Murphy (2) and Denis Keohane (2) they led by 0-7 to 1-3 at the break. Aidan Deasy (2 from frees) and Sean O'Connor were the Canovee point scorers.

Daragh Ring equalised for Canovee on the resumption, but N.Abán went back in front with points from Micheál Ó Laoire and Colm Murphy. Ring pointed a free for Canovee and then his run created a goal chance for Canovee and Kevin Deasy booted the ball to the N.Abán net in the 38th minute to put Canovee back in front, 2-5 to 0-9. Kevin Deasy added a point and in the 49th minute saw his blistering shot for 30 metres range hit the upright before being cleared to safety. Canovee were to remain scoreless in the closing quarter as points from Declan Allen and Denis Keohane brought N. Aban level and then in time added on Declan Allen twice put the ball over the Canovee crossbar to give his side their passage to a semi final meeting with Kilmurphy.

Naomh Abán: Ciarán Ó Críodáin: Deaglan Ó Murchú, Muiris Ó Donnchú, Eanna Ó Críodáin: Niall Ó Ceallaigh, Seán Ó Briain, Tomás Ó hEaluithé: Colm de hÍde, Micheál Ó Laoire: Diarmuid Ó Liatháin, Donnchadh Ó Ceocháin, Deaglan Ó hAileamhain: Cathal Ó hAileamhain, Colm Ó Murchú, Danni Ó Donnchú.

Canovee: Darren Shine: Donal Cronin, Daniel O'Sullivan, Paul Twomey: Stephen Kelleher, Damian Ahern, Charles Kenneally: Seán O'Connor, Michael Deasy: Liam Kelleher, Darragh Ring, John Buckley: Jamie Lynch, Aidan Deasy, Kevin Deasy. Subs: William Ahern and Brian Looney.

Referee: Mr David Murnane, Macroom.

Beal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh 3 – 12 Blarney 1 – 8

Beal Átha were always shaping like winners against Blarney at Coachford in their quarter final game. Their defence was solid and up front Ben Shorten was causing the Blarney boys all sorts of problems. Beal Átha had a six point lead at half, 1-8 to 0-5, the goal coming from Shorten. In the second half, Beal Átha continued to be on top and added further goals from Cian Dineen and Cathal Quill and were comfortably in control at the final whistle.

Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh: Caoimhín Ó Muirthille: Darren Ó Coill, Seán Ó Donnchú, Marvin Lathur: Nollaig Ó Laoire, Nollaig Ó Duinnín, Liam Ó Críodáin: Cian Ó Duinnín, Tadhg Ó Laoire: Cathal Ó Coill, Eoin Ó Laoire, Seán Ó Cuinn: Eanna Ó Duinnín, Ben Seartan, Caoimhín Ó Loinsigh. Fir Ionaid: Antóin Ó Coill, Ruaidhrí Ó Coinceannain.

Aghabullogue 1 – 7 Cill na Martra 0 – 10

Aghabullogue and Cill na Martra met in their quarter final at Carraigadrohid. Each side looked to be on course for victory at different stages of the game but in the end each were reasonably content to settle for a draw and another game to

decide the issue. Aghabullogue started well and their corner forward Pat Walsh had the ball in the Cill na Martra net to open the scoring after only three minutes play. Aghabullogue could have added to their tally in this period of dominance but Cill na Martra held out with Graham Vaughan outstanding at full back and they settled subsequently. Shane Dineen had their opening point in the eight minute from play and then pointed a free two minutes later. A third point from Dineen in the 15th minute had the teams level. John Corkery had a point for Aghabullogue in the 17th minute, their only first half point, and it took Cill na Martra a while to equalise. Shane Dineen pointed a free in the 24th minute and they then went on to score further points from Shane Dineen and Finbarr Healy to lead by 0-6 to 1-1 at the break.

On the restart, Cill na Martra added to their lead with points from Jonathan Lynch and Shane Dineen but John Corkery pointed for Aghabullogue in the 40th minute to leave three points between the teams. Aghabullogue were on top following this score and despite shooting three bad wides they still managed to add to their tally. Mark O'Flynn scored a fine point and this was followed by points from Pat Walsh and Michael O'Sullivan to level the scores at the three quarter stage at 1-5 to 0-8. Aidan BarryMurphy pointed an Aghabullogue free to put his side in front but Cill na Martra responded immediately with a point from Kevin Hoare, a late substitute due to injury. Eight minutes from time Michael O'Sullivan restored the lead for Aghabullogue with a point from close range under pressure but two minutes from time Jonathan Lynch sent over the final score of the game – a point for Cill na Martra to force a replay.

Aghabullogue: John Buckley: Paud Twomey, Ger Hogan, Anthony O'Sullivan: Mark Long, Michael Dennehy, Alan Hogan: Stephen Dennehy, Dhanni Merrick: John Corkery, David Murphy, Aidan BarryMurphy: Pat Walsh, Neil O'Donovan, Michael O'Sullivan. Subs: Mark O'Flynn, Eamonn Murphy.

Cill na Martra: Antóin Ó Conaill: Pádraig Ó Goilí, Graham Ó Mocháin, Nollaig Ó Loinsigh: Cathal Ó Riordáin, Danni Ó Conaill, Tadhg MacSuibhne: Criostóir Ó Loinsigh, Peadar Ó Muineachain: Donal Ó Críodáin, Maidhchi Ó Duinnín, Seanachán Ó Loinsigh: Adrian Ó Cronin, Fionnbarrá Ó hEaluithé, Shane Ó Duinnín. Fir Ionaid: Caoimhín Ó hUidhir, Sean Ó Muineacháin, Dara MacLochlainn.

Referee: Mr. Gerry Masters, Kilmichael.

Replay: Cill na Martra 2 – 13 Aghabullogue 0 – 9

Cill na Martra were never led in the replay at Carrigadrohid, even though they did not open up a comfortable gap until the final five minutes. Jonathan Lynch, Shane Dineen and Kevin Hoare had them in the lead with early points and Kevin Hoare's goal in the 6th minute gave them a major boost. With John Corkery their main sharpshooter, Aghabullogue fought back and cut the deficit to two9 points before Cill na Martra drew away again and they led by 1-6 to 0-5 at the break. On the resumption, Aghabullogue matched the winners in every aspect of play and the score was 1-9 to 0-9 at the three quarter stage. Kevin Hoare now sent over two points to ease Cill na Martra further ahead and Shane Dineen's goal in the 54th minute ended any uncertainty about the outcome.

Cill na Martra: Antóin Ó Conaill: Eoin MacLochlainn, Graham Ó Mocháin, Pádraig Ó Goilí: Cathal Ó Riordáin, Danni Ó Conaill, Tadhg

MacSuibhne: Fionnbarrá Ó hEaluithé, Peadar Ó Muineacháin: Adrian Ó Cróinín, Seanachán Ó Loinsigh, Shane Ó Duinnín: Criostóir Ó Loinsigh, Caoimhín Ó hUidhir, Maidhchi Ó Duinnín. Ionaid: Don Ó Críodáin, Sean Ó Murchú agus Con Ó Corcora.

Aghabullogue: John Buckley: Mark Long, Ger Hogan, Anthony O'Sullivan: Paud Twomey, Aidan BarryMurphy, Alan Hogan: Dhanni Merrick, Stephen Dennehy: Nicky O'Donovan, David Murphy, Mark O'Flynn: John Corkery, Pat Walsh, Michael O'Sullivan. Subs: Eamonn Murphy, Ciarán Barrett, Thomas Barrett, John Lynch. Referee: Mr Hugh Kelleher, Canovee.

Semi finals:

Naomh Abán 0 – 12 Kilmurphy 1 – 8

Only the minimum separated the teams at the conclusion of this fine championship semifinal at Macroom. A late afternoon start on a dark wet day meant that the game finished in gathering gloom but the players on both teams had given their all in a smashing sporting competitive contest that had the supporters in full voice in a rousing second half. Kilmurphy just failed to get an equaliser at the finish but they had made a massive contribution to this quality encounter.

Naomh Aban had a terrible start, conceding a goal after only five minutes play and being five points in arrears and still scoreless after 13 minutes. They weathered the early storm however, improved steadily as the half progressed and were on level term by half time when the score was 1-4 to 0-7. The third quarter was won by Kilmurphy who opened up a two-point lead but in a match winning burst five minutes before the finish Naomh Aban got the scores on the board to give them the narrowest of victories as Kilmurphy then finished strongly but agonisingly for them still a point adrift at the final whistle.

Greg Barrett had a point for Kilmurphy in the 2nd minute and three minutes later Paudie O'Connell's high lob into the N. Aban goalmouth dropped late under the bar and finished in the net. William Buckley added a point and Kilmurphy were 1-2 to nil ahead after ten minutes. Declan Allen pointed for Naomh Aban in the 13th minute and had a second point in the 22nd minute as the Baile Mhuirne boys got on top at midfield through the efforts of Micheál Ó Laoire and John Hoare, the latter a replacement for the injured Colm de hÍde. Denis Keohane pointed two successive frees, Micheál Ó Laoire equalised and Colm Murphy pointed to put Naomh Abán in the lead for the first time two minutes from half time. In time added on William Buckley and Alan O'Sullivan pointed for Kilmurphy but Micheál O' Laoire then equalised for Naomh Aban before the whistle for the break.

Denis Keohane pointed to put N Aban ahead on the resumption but Kilmurphy hit back in a good spell for them, and William Buckley shot over three points in quick succession to have Kilmurphy leading 1-7 to 0-8 after 41 minutes. Danny O'Donoghue had a point for N. Aban two minutes later and there was no further scoring until the 56th minute when Denis Keohane pointed to equalise and quickly added two further lead points for his side. Kilmurphy got one point back from the boot of Greg Barrett but they could not get the equaliser and so Naomh Abán advanced to a mouthwatering encounter with their neighbours from Cill na Martra in the final. Naomh Abán: Ciarán Ó Críodáin: Eanna Ó Críodáin, Muiris Ó Donnchú, Deaglan Ó Murchú: Tomás Ó hEaluithé, Seán Ó Briain, Niall Ó Ceallaigh: Micheál Ó Laoire, Colm de hÍde: Deaglan Ó hAileamhain, Donncha Ó Ceocháin,



Diarmuid Ó Liathain: Danni Ó Donnchú, Colm Ó Murchú, Cathal Ó hAileamhain. Fear Ionaid: Sean Ó Uidhir.

Kilmurry: Jason McDonnell: Daniel Goulding, Kevin Barrett, Patk. O'Sullivan: Paul Kearney, Pat O'Sullivan, Joseph O'Dowd: Colm Crowley, Colm Ryan: Daniel Buckley, William Buckley, Martin O'Sullivan: Paudie O'Connell, Greg Barrett, Alan O'Sullivan. Subs: Adam Healy, Daniel O'Connell. Referee: Mr Peter Downey, Inniscarra.

Cill na Martra 1-11 Béal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh 0-5

In the second semifinal at Inchigeela Cill na Martra were clearly the stronger team and won with something to spare. Beal Átha started well and Eoin Dineen had an early point to put them ahead. Kevin Hoare equalised for Cill na Martra and then put his side in the lead, both points coming from frees. Michael Dineen's point made it 0-3 to 0-1 in favour of the winners after ten minutes. Beal Átha were on level terms

Final

Cill na Martra 2-14 Naomh Abán 1-14

There was a general expectation of a rousing final and a rousing final was what the teams delivered. The decider between the two neighbours at Macroom was a terrific contest between two good teams, well trained and coached and extremely well motivated and the game was played in a wholesome competitive spirit which was a credit to both clubs. Cill na Martra won in the end but the result could have gone either way. The winners had a great start and led by 1-6 to 0-1 after 12 minutes. Naomh Abán got down to whittling away the lead but six points still separated the teams at halftime. A determined Naomh Abán maintained their offensive on the restart and knocked another three points off the deficit but Cill na Martra then struck for their second goal and this score was a decisive blow. The goal enabled Cill na Martra to sustain further Naomh Abán pressure without ever losing the lead, two late points gave them their three-point winning margin but the Cill na Martra boys were glad to hear that final whistle!

Conditions for the game were ideal and there was a big attendance present at the Castle Grounds for the 6.30pm start. Cill na Martra were in flying form from the throw in and Kevin Hoare put them into the lead after only two minutes play. They were never to lose the lead subsequently though only a point separated the teams for most of the final ten minutes. Shane Dineen had a point from play in the 3rd minute and Colm Murphy had a Naomh Abán point a minute later. Cill na Martra then took

before the end of the opening quarter when Ben Shorten kicked over twice but this was as good as it got for them as Cill na Martra now took over in the second quarter and rattled over four points without reply to lead by 0-7 to 0-3 at the interval. Shane Dineen, Kevin Hoare and Christopher Lynch were the scorers and Cill na Martra were in a strong position at this stage.

On the resumption, Beal Átha rallied strongly and two pointed frees from Tim O'Leary gave them renewed hope. Cill na Martra steadied in defence however and Beal Átha could not make further headway with goalkeeper Anthony O'Connell, Graham Vaughan and Danny O'Connell very prominent for the winners. Kevin Hoare pointed for Cill na Martra in the 46th minute to open up a three point gap and Jonathan Lynch's goal, the only major of the game followed in the 48th minute and settled any doubts about the outcome. Cill na Martra retained control on the Beal Átha attacks and themselves added further

over for a period and points from Christopher Lynch and Maidhchí Dineen were followed by a smashing goal from Shane Dineen, from a chance created by a superb cross from Maidhchí Dineen. Maidhchí Dineen and Christopher Lynch added a point apiece and Cill na Martra led by 1-6 to 0-1 with 12 minutes gone. Naomh Abán now showed their battling qualities and four points in a row followed from Denis Keohane, Declan Allen, Keohane again and Micheál Ó Laoire to leave only four points between the teams by the 16th minute. Finbarr Healy and Colm Hyde exchanged points but Cill na Martra outscored their rivals by four points to two in the ten minutes before the break. Maidhchí Dineen had the first of these scores for Cill na Martra but Kevin Hoare contributed the other three with Denis Keohane getting two for Naomh Aban. The score at half time then was 1-11 to 0-8 in favour of Cill na Martra, an unexpected scoreline and one which delighted 'the boys from the Cross', but everybody expected a Naomh Abán backlash in the second half and it came!

Points from Colm Murphy, Denis Keohane and Colm Hyde for the Baile Mhuirne side had cut the deficit to a single goal by the 41st minute but a minute later a Peter Moynihan run set up Maidhchí Dineen for a pot at goal and the latter blasted to the Naomh Abán net, a score which came against the run of play at the time. If Cill na Martra thought that it was all over now they got an immediate rude awakening as Naomh Abán struck back for a goal, Declan Allen and Colm Murphy setting up the chance for Jeremy Hoare. Colm Murphy added a point from far

scores to enjoy a nine point lead at the final whistle.

Cill na Martra: Antóin Ó Conaill: Dara Mac Lochlainn, Graham Ó Mocháin, Pádraig Ó Góil: Tadhg MacSuibhne, Danni Ó Conaill, Cathal Ó Riordáin: Peadar Ó Muineacháin, Fionnbarra Ó hEaluithé: Adrian Ó Cronin, Seanachán Ó Loinsigh, Shane Ó Duinnín: Criostóir Ó Loinsigh, Caoimhín Ó hUidhir, Maidhchí Ó Duinnín. Fir Ionaid: Donal Ó Críodáin, Micheál Ó Loinsigh and Seán Ó Muineachain.

Beal Átha'n Ghaorthaidh: Caoimhín Ó Buachalla: Darren Ó Coill, Seán Ó Donnchú, Marvin Latur: Nollaig Ó Laoire, Nollaig Ó Duinnín, Liam Ó Críodáin: Cian Ó Duinnín, Tadhg Ó Laoire: Cathal Ó Cuill, Eoin Ó Laoire, Eanna Ó Duinnín: Seán Ó Coill, Ben Seartan, Caoimhín Ó Loinsigh. Fear Ionaid: Pól Ó hUrdail. Reitheoir: Mr. Gene Buckley, Grenagh.

out as the final quarter started but Kevin Hoare relied for the winners to keep the goal gap between the teams. In the 49th minute Cathal Allen had a Naomh Aban point and when he repeated the exercise three minute later, Cill na Martra led by only a single point and it seemed that Naomh Aban had the momentum to go on to victory. Naomh Aban now missed two good scoring chances and stalemate ensued but the vital next score came from Kevin Hoare for the Cill na Martra men in the 58th minute and Shane Dineen added a point two minutes later to open up a three-point gap once again. Naomh Aban needed a goal to save the day and they bombarded the Cill na Martra goalmouth but the defence held firm and the final whistle was greeted with delight by the large Cill na Martra following.

Cill na Martra: Antóin Ó Conaill: Eoin Mac Lochlainn, Graham Ó Mocháin, Pádraig Ó Góil: Tadhg MacSuibhne, Danni Ó Conaill, Cathal Ó Riordáin: Peadar Ó Muineacháin, Fionnbarra Ó hEaluithé: Adrian Ó Cróinín, Seanachán Ó Loinsigh, Shane Ó Duinnín: Criostóir Ó Loinsigh, Caoimhín Ó hUidhir, Maidhchí Ó Duinnín. Fir Ionaid: Don Ó Críodáin, Daire MacLochlainn.

Naomh Abán: Ciarán Ó Críodáin: Colm de hÍde, Muiris Ó Donnchú, Deaglán Ó Murchú: Tomás Ó hEaluithé, Seán Ó Briain, Niall Ó Ceallaigh: Micheál Ó Laoire, Seán Ó hUidhir: Deaglán Ó hAileamhain, Donncha Ó Ceocháin, Diarmuid Ó Liathain: Danni Ó Donnchú, Colm Ó Murchú, Cathal Ó hAileamhain. Fir Ionaid: Jeremy Ó hUidhir, Eanna Ó Críodáin agus Criostóir MacFail. Referee: Mr Pat O'Leary, Kilmurry.



Naomh Abán U21 who lost to Cill na Martra in the Mid Cork U21 B Football final



J Donal Lehane (Macroom Motors Services - sponsors), Pádraig Ó Ceilleachair, Mid Cork Board, John Manning, Macroom Motor Services, at presentation of championship trophy to Seanachán Ó Loinsigh, captain Cill na Martra.



Macroom Motors U21 C Football Championship

Clondrohid 1 – 9 Kilmichael 0 - 10
Semi Final: Iveleary 2 – 7 Clondrohid 0-5
Final: Iveleary 3-21 Donoughmore B 0-5

Clondrohid 1 – 9 Kilmichael 0 – 10

These two old rivals met at Inchigeela and the only goal of the game was the decisive score. The two teams were very evenly matched but in the 20th minute Kieran Lynch broke through from midfield and shot a great goal for Clondrohid. This helped the winners to a 1-6 to 0-4 interval lead. Clondrohid added only three further points to their tally in the second half but had enough of a lead built up to help them prevail after fierce Kilmichael pressure. Clondrohid: Sean O'Callaghan: Jack Corcoran, Lorcan Lynch: Sean O'Connor, Jeremy O'Sullivan, Kieran Lynch: Neilus Murphy, John O'Connell: Mark Creed,

Shane Creed, Iarla McCarthy: David O'Leary, Stephen Murphy. Subs: Dara Healy.

Kilmichael: Shane Masters: Donal Kelly, Stephen Kelleher: Colin Murphy, Conor Cotter, Finbarr Buckley: Donal O'Brien, Finbarr Dromey: Daragh Foley, Micheál Masters, Brendan Cotter: Denis O'Donoghue, Fintan Collins. Subs: Daniel Twomey, Shane Cotter, Michael Healy, Pádraig Lordan.

Referee: Mr John Horgan, Gleann na Laoi.

Iveleary 2 – 7 Clondrohid 0 - 5

Clondrohid, fresh from their quarter final win over Kilmichael, found Iveleary a far stiffer test and after holding their own up to the interval had to yield to a stronger team in the second half. At half time the teams were level at 0-2 each, Clondrohid having played with the

wind. Cathal Vaughan's goal, which seemed to hit the net directly from his well-directed '45' broke the deadlock and a second goal, this one from Sylvester Cotter, wrapped up the win for the Inchigeela boys. Teams (13 a side) Iveleary: Cathal O Riordan: Barry Murphy, Liam O'Leary: Kevin Manning, Cal McCarthy, Alan O'Brien: Shane Galvin, Daniel O'Riordan: Eamon Creedon, Denis O'Leary, Sylvester Cotter: Cathal Vaughan, David Dineen. Subs: David Hourihan and Kevin Jones. Clondrohid: Sean O Callaghan: Sean O'Connor, Jack Corcoran: Lorcan Lynch, Jeremy O'Sullivan, Kieran Lynch: John O'Connell, Neilus Murphy: Mark Creed, Shane Creed, Iarla McCarthy: David O'Leary, Stephen Murphy. Subs: Concubhair Lucey, Diare Healy, Desmond Lynch, Gary Kelleher, Sean O'Riordan, Shane Lucey, Tadgh O'Connell.

'C' Football Final

Iveleary 3 – 21 Donoughmore 'B' 0 - 5

Iveleary are Mid Cork U 21 'C' football champions for the first time since 2006 after taking the title in style at Macroom. The scoreline indicates that Iveleary were clearly the superior team and there is no doubt that they were, but one must pay tribute to Donoughmore who were the only club in the division to field two teams in the U 21 grade this season and who reached the final in both 'A' and 'B' grades. Iveleary were always expected to be too strong for their opponents but they left nothing to chance and were well prepared and well focussed on victory. They played good football, defended well and availed of their scoring chances. They are worthy champions, have maintained the high standard they set as minors, and with most of this team available again next year could make an impression on the higher grade.

Conditions were perfect for the game with glorious sunshine, little wind and a lovely sod. Iveleary, playing out of the town goal, quickly got down to business and Shane Galvin kicked the opening point after two minutes. A minute later Syl Cotter set up David Hourihan for the first goal of the game and Cathal Vaughan added a point. When Sylvester Cotter fired in a second goal in the 6th minute the writing was on the wall for Donoughmore as it was clear that Iveleary had too much overall power for their young side. A Cathal Vaughan '45' was tipped over the bar in the 10th minute and Vaughan and Hourihan added a point apiece before Sean Daly had an opening point for Donoughmore in the 14th minute to leave the score at 2-5 to 0-1 at this stage. Donoughmore were battling hard to contain the superior forces against them but Iveleary were determined to make no mistake



Iveleary who defeated Donoughmore B in the Macroom Motor Services Mid Cork U21 C Football Final at Macroom

and maintained their pressure. Daniel O'Riordan's point in the 17th minute was followed by points at regular intervals from Cathal Vaughan, Syl Cotter, Vaughan again, Barry Murphy and David Hourihan before Donoughmore were rewarded for their continuous efforts with a point from Leon Cogan just before half time. The score was 2-11 to 0-2 at the break and there was clearly going to be only one winner in this game.

Cathal Vaughan pointed two Iveleary frees early after the restart, Eamonn Creedon chipped in with another and Vaughan and David Dineen had points from play before Leon Cogan pointed a Donoughmore free in the 40th minute. David Dineen had his second point and Vaughan pointed another Iveleary free before a spirited Donoughmore rally yielded a point from John Chambers and another from Kevin O'Keefe as the game went into the final stages. Iveleary finished

strongly with a goal from Cathal Vaughan, set up by Kevin Jones, being followed by points from Vaughan, Denis O'Leary and Eamonn Creedon to complete an impressive performance.

Iveleary (13 a side): Cathal O'Riordan: Kevin Manning, Seán O'Leary: Shane Galvin, Cal McCarthy, Barry Murphy: Daniel O'Riordan, Denis O'Leary: Eamonn Creedon, Cathal Vaughan, David Dineen: Sylvester Cotter, David Hourihan. Subs used: Alan O'Brien, Kevin Jones, Tim O'Shea and Joseph Creedon.

Donoughmore: Daniel Buckley: Barry Crowley, Brian Crowley: Denis Dorney, Mark Foley, Eoghan Dixon: John Chambers, Sean Daly: Leon Cogan, William Murphy, Gearoid O'Rourke: Patrick Crowley, Anthony Horgan. Subs used: Pat Daly, Kevin O'Keefe, John O'Mahony, Seamus Murphy and Sean Looney. Referee: Mr J. J. Murphy, Kilmurry.

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U21 C Football Final 2011- John Manning (Macroom Motors) (Sponsors), Shane Galvin, Captain of Iveleary, Pádraig Ó Ceilleachair, Mid Cork Board



Cill na Martra Mid Cork U21 B Football champions 2011



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How to get to know God: Dear God - You are holy. I am a sinner and I cannot do anything to pay the price for my sins, so I ask You to please forgive me, and cleanse me from all unrighteousness. As You have forgiven me my sins I now choose to forgive all those who have sinned against me - whether they be living or dead. I release forgiveness from my heart to them, and cut the poisonous root of bitterness and resentment so that I can be healed. I forgive myself for my sins, and the mistakes that I have made and I renounce all offence. Thank You God for sending Your Son, the Lord Jesus, to save me. Dear Jesus, I ask You to come into my heart and be my Lord. Take over control of my life by filling me with Your Holy Spirit and heal me. I want to know You Lord. Teach me Your ways and baptise me with Your Holy Spirit Power. Let me hear Your voice as You speak to me through Your Word. I dedicate my life to You, and I will serve only You, in Jesus name I pray, Amen.

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NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART



Dear Heart of Jesus, in the past I have asked many favours. This time I ask you this special one, (mention favour). Take it dear heart of Jesus and place it within your heart where your father sees it. Then in his merciful eyes it will become your favour, not mine. Amen. Say this prayer three times for three days and your favour will be granted. Never known to fail. Must promise publication of prayer.

PRAYER TO ST. ANTHONY



Oh gentle and loving St. Anthony in whose arms the infant Jesus love to linger, one word from you and my prayer will be answered oh speak that word and the gratitude of my heart will be yours.

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O Jesus, Who hast said, ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find, knock and it will be opened to you, through the intercession of Mary, Thy Most Holy Mother, I knock, I seek, I ask that my prayer be granted (Request)
 O Jesus, Who hast said, all that you ask of the Father in My Name, He will grant you through the intercession of Mary, Thy Most Holy Mother, I humbly and urgently ask Thy Father in Thy Name that my prayer be granted. (Request)
 O Jesus, Who has said, "Heaven and earth shall pass away but My word shall not pass", through the intercession of Mary, Thy Most Holy Mother, I feel confident that my prayer will be granted.

NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT



O Holy Spirit, you who solve all problems, light all roads so that I can attain my goal. You gave me the divine gift to forgive and forget all evil against me and that in all instances of my life you are with me. I want in this short prayer to thank you for all things you have given me as you confirm once again that I never wanted to be separated from you in spite of all material illusions. I wish to be with you in Eternal Glory. Thank you for mercy towards me and mine. This prayer must be said for three days, after three days the favour will be granted.

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Oh gentle and loving St. Anthony in whose arms the infant Jesus love to linger, one word from you and my prayer will be answered oh speak that word and the gratitude of my heart will be yours.

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2ND ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

SEÁN MURRAY

Coolmona, Donoughmore.
Who passed away on 23rd Feb 2019.

*Death is nothing at all.
I have only slipped away
into the next room.
I am I and you are you.
Whatever we were to each other,
that we are still.*

St Gonnait, pray for us



Always loved and remembered by his wife Joan and family.

2ND ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

EILEEN O'RIORDAN

Frankfield, Cork and Cooldorrihy,
Kilmichael
Who died on February 23rd 2019

*Your name is often spoken
Our thoughts are with you still
You havn't been forgotten
By us you never will.*



Sadly missed and always remembered with love
Your sisters Margaret, Mary, Anna and their families

4TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

NOEL O'KEEFE

Schronagare, Clondohid, Macroom
Who died on
12th February 2017

*Those we love dont go away,
They stand beside us everyday,
Unseen, unheard but always near,
So loved, so missed, so very dear.*



Lovingly remembered by your wife Mary and Family.

14th ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

BRIAN PATRICK KELLEHER

Ballytrasna, Lissarda, Co. Cork
who died 11th Feb 2007

*Your smiles we miss
Your laughter we treasure
Loving you always
Forgetting you never*



Lovingly missed by
Dad and Brothers

PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL



O Most Beautiful Flower of Mt. Carmel, Fruitful Vine, Splendour of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. O Star of the Sea, help me and show me the way. Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. (say 3 times)

Sweet Jesus I place this cause in your hands - (say 3 times) - ask for your request.

Holy Mary I place this cause in your hands - (say 3 times) I thank you for your mercy to me and mine. Amen

MR

9TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

KATE KELLEHER (NEE MCCARTHY)

Clondrohid, Macroom
Who died on February 28th 2012

*They say there is a reason,
they say that time will heal.
But neither time or reason,
will change the way we feel.
For no one knows the heartache
that lies behind our smiles.
No one knows how many times
we have broken down and cried.
We want to tell you something
so there won't be any doubt.
You're so wonderful to think of
but so hard to be without.*



Always remembered by your son Gene, daughters Marie & Breda, Brother, sister, grandchildren, relatives, neighbours & friends.

4th ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

NOREEN RING

Bawnatoumple, Ballygeary,
died aged 93 on Feb 17th 2017

*May the God of Love and Mercy
Care for our Loved one who is gone
And bless with consolation
Those left to carry on*



Always remembered by your loving family, friends and neighbours.

22ND ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

PATSY CORCORAN

Late of Belmont Place, Crookstown
Who died 18th February 1999

*Down the path of memories
We gently tread today,
Our thoughts are always with you Patsy
Especially today.
Another year has past and gone,
memories of you linger on,
No length of time can take away
thoughts of you from day to day.*



Always remembered by Mary, sons John and Liam, daughters in law Sue and Paula, grandchildren Sophie, Dylan, Sinead, Niamh and Ciara

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5TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**CON
KELLEHER**

Dooneens, Rylane, Co. Cork
Who died 12th February 2016

*We lost a husband and father
with a heart of gold,
how much we miss him
can never be told.
He shared our troubles
and helped us along,
if we follow his footsteps
we will never go wrong.*



Remembered always by
Concepta, Ann, Mort and Celina,
sisters and brothers

ANNIVERSARIES



In loving memory of

**DONAL & MARY
SCANNELL**

Coolea and Ballymakeera
Mary's 2nd anniversary occurs on
25th February
Donal's 7th anniversary occurs on
2nd March



Always remembered by their children
and grandchildren

7TH & 2ND ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**MARY
O'REGAN**

Who died on 18th February, 2014.



In loving memory of

**DANIEL
O'REGAN**

Who died on 1st March 2019

Codrum, Macroom

*There is always a face before us
A voice that we would love to hear
A smile that we will always remember
Of a Mom and Dad that we loved so dear.*

*Deep in our hearts lies a picture
More precious than silver or gold
It is a picture of our Mom and Dad
Whose memory will never grow old.*



Sadly missed by Donal, Pauline & Family

28TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**TIM
LEHANE**

Gortacrohig, Aghabullogue
Who died on 26th Feb 1993

*Each time we look at your picture,
You seem to smile and say,
Don't be sad but courage take,
And love each other for my sake.*



Always remembered by his
loving wife, family, brother
and sisters.

11TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**NORMA
O'CALLAGHAN**

O'Connor Park, Masseytown,
Macroom

Who died 21st Feb 2010

*No matter how life changes
No matter what we do
A special place within our hearts
Is always kept for you*



Always remembered her husband Dan,
sons John & Paul, daughters Emer &
Niamh, sons in law, daughters in law and
grandchildren.

7TH & 2ND ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**MARY
O'REGAN**

Who died on 18th February, 2014.



In loving memory of

**DANIEL
O'REGAN**

Who died on 1st March 2019

Codrum, Macroom

*Sunshine passes, shadows fall
Love's remembrance outlasts all,
Though years may be many or few
All are filled with remembrance of you*



Always remembered and sadly missed by Brendan, Mairin,
Liadan, Odhran and Fionn.

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13TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**CHRISTIE
(SCOTCH)
HEALY**

Dear husband, father, grandfather
5 Belmont Pl, Crookstown
who died on February 21st 2008
(aged 60)

*The world changes from year to year
Our lives from dad to day
But the love and memory of you
Shall never pass away*



Forever in our thoughts and prayers
his wife Noreen, daughters Christine
and Caroline, son-in-law Derek and
grandchildren.

2ND ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**NORMA
MCCARTHY**

Pound Cross, Crookstown
Who died on the 17th February 2019.

*It broke our hearts to lose you
but you didn't go alone
for part of us went with you
the day god called you home.*



Sadly missed and remembered fondly
every day by her husband Denis,
children Eugene, Denise, Liz and James,
grandchildren, brother and sisters, many
friends, relations and neighbours.

5th ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of a beloved husband
cherished Dad and devoted Grandad.

**MICHAEL P.
O'SULLIVAN**

Ballyvoige, Kilnamartyra
whose 5th anniversary on the 18th
February

*Today is a day of memories so sad,
of someone so special
we wish we still had,
And when thoughts go back
as they often do,
We treasure the memories
we have of you.*



Sadly missed by his wife Mary, sons
Peter and Sean, daughters Margaret
Norma Michelle Sinead and Claire,
sons in Law and Daughters in Law
and his 18 grandchildren.

6TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**TOMMY
O'CONNOR**

Belmont Place Crookstown
Whose 6th Anniversary is on the
17th Of February

*God called your name so softly
That only you could hear
No one heard the footsteps
Of angels drawing near
The golden gates stood open
God saw you needed rest
His garden must be beautiful
As he only takes the best.*



Loved and missed always by your
daughter Lisa, sons Danny, Tony, Barry
and Denis and their families. xxxx

7TH & 2ND ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**MARY
O'REGAN**

Who died on 18th February, 2014.



In loving memory of

**DANIEL
O'REGAN**

Who died on 1st March 2019

Codrum, Macroom

*"There is always a face before us
Voices we would love to hear
Smiles we will always remember
Of a Mam and Dad we loved so dear.*

*Deep in our hearts lies a picture
More precious than silver or gold
It's a picture of our Mam and Dad
Whose memory will never grow old."*



Lovingly remembered by Michael, Gobnait and Owen.

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6TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

BERNIE BERGIN
(NEE MCELROY)

Nadrid, Coachford.
Who died 17th February 2015.

*It doesn't take a special day
To bring you to our mind,
For days without a thought of you
Are very hard to find.*



Always remembered by
Your loving family.

6TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

BERNIE BERGIN
(NEE MCELROY)

Nadrid, Coachford.
Who died 17th February 2015.

We Remember Her.

*In the rising of the sun and
it's going down.
We remember her.
In the opening of the buds,
and in the warmth of summer.
We remember her.*

*In the rustling of the leaves,
and in the beauty of autumn.
We remember her.*

*In the beginning of the year and
when it ends.
We remember her.*

*When we are weary and
in need of strength.
We remember her.*

*When we are lost and sick of heart.
We remember her.*

*When we have joys we yearn to share.
We remember her.*

*So long as we live she,
too, shall live, for she is part of us.
We remember her.*

*When we grow old and
forgetful we still know.
God remembers her.*



Always loved, never forgotten.
Jim, Frank, Siobhan, Lisa, Damian,
James, Lilly, Charlie & Mae.

*Weep not that I have gone,
Rejoice that I have been.*

FIRST ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**HANNAH
O'LEARY**

**The Rectory, Macroom, Co Cork who
died 27th February 2020.**

Letter from Heaven

*Now I am contented,
That my life was worthwhile,
Knowing as I passed along the way
I made somebody smile.
When you are walking down the street
And you've got me on your mind,
I'm walking in your footsteps
only half a step behind.
And when you feel the gentle breeze,
Or the wind upon your face
That's me giving you a great big hug
or just a soft embrace.*



Always in our thoughts, forever in our hearts
All the staff of Supervalu Macroom

2ND ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**CATHERINE
WHITE**

Ballyverane, Macroom
Died 26th February 2019

*To see the beauty and hear the sounds,
that bring good cheer of love
and laughter and peace here after
by Catherine.*

*We think about you always
We talk about you still
You have nver been forgotten
and you never will.*



Always Remembered by her sisters
Mary, Elizabeth & Sheila

5TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**MICHAEL
O'RIORDAN**

**Lake View Macloneigh Macroom,
Co Cork, who died on 18th
February 2016**

*We lost a Dad, Husband & Grandfather
with a heart of gold,
How much we miss him
can never be told,
He shared our troubles
and helped us along,
If we follow his footsteps,
we will never go wrong.*

*We miss you from your fireside chair,
Your loving smile and gentle air,
Your vacant place no one can fill.
We miss you Dad and always will*

*He was a Dad, Husband & Grandfather
so very rare,
Content in his home and always there,
On earth he toiled, In Heaven he rests,
God Bless you Dad, you were the best.*

*Each time we look at your picture,
You seem to smile and say,
Don't be sad but courage take,
And love each other for my sake.*



Sadly missed by your loving wife
Josephine & family.

5TH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of

**EILEEN
O'LEARY**

St Colmans Park, Macroom, Co. Cork

*God saw you getting tired
and a cure was not to be,
so he put his arms around you,
and whispered "Come with me".*



Always remembered by her loving
husband Teddy, her son John, daughter
Collette and their families

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FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of

MATTHEW TWOMEY

Shanadoon, Ballymakeera, Macroom, Co.Cork. Who sadly passed away on 23rd February 2020.

As we lovingly remember Matthew on his first anniversary his wife Catherine, daughter Katie, sons Jack, David, Der and extended family would like to thank everyone who sympathised with us on Matthew's sad passing.

We offer our heartfelt thanks to all those who called to the house, attended the wake, rosary, removal, requiem Mass and the burial. To those who phoned, sent Mass cards, letters of sympathy and messages of support, your kindness and assistance was truly appreciated. To our exceptional relatives, neighbours and friends, we were deeply moved by your support, kindness and assistance which we are for ever grateful for. Thank you to Fr. Donal O'Brien, McCarthys Undertakers, the gravediggers, Aileen Flanagan and the choir, Nora and Paddy O'Riordan- our sacristans, Dr. Colette Neville, An Garda Síochána, The Abbey hotel and The Mills Inn for their professionalism and kindness. To all who helped us in any way, your contribution made our sad loss somewhat bearable.

As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgement as a token of our sincere appreciation.

The Holy Sacrifice of Mass will be offered for your intentions.



Lovingly remembered by Catherine, Katie, Jack, David and Der.

Saint Gobnait pray for him.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of

CHRISSIE SPILLANE

Upper Carrigadrohid, Macroom Who died 25th February 2020

As we lovingly remember Chrissie, her daughters Margaret and Joan, Son-in-law John and grandchildren David and Mark would like to thank all of those who sympathised with us on our sad loss. Our heartfelt thanks goes to those who attended the removal and funeral, sent Mass cards, floral tributes, called to our homes with food, spoke kind words and to those who travelled long distances to be with us. We will be forever thankful to our kind neighbours and friends, especially Chrissie and Paudie O'Donoghue for the help and support they showed to Mam over the years and to Noreen, Denise, Marella, John Dorney for the kindness and help shown to us during Mam's funeral. Thanks to Pat, Ken and all the staff of Supervalu Macroom for their support and kindness, to Jim and Sinead for the use of the bar in Carrig, to everyone who made sandwiches and cakes, a heartfelt thanks to Bernie and all the staff of Macroom Community Hospital and to all Mam's home help for the wonderful care they provided, to all the priests of the Parish especially Fr. Donal Roberts for making Mam's Mass so special, to Michael Bradley for his beautiful singing, to all in Fitzgeralds Funeral Directors for their kindness and professionalism and to the management and staff of the Castel Hotel. It is impossible to thank everyone individually so please accept this acknowledgement as a token of our appreciation.

Anniversary Mass will be held on Saturday 27th February 27th at 7.30pm at At. Colmans Church Macroom. Mass may be viewed on <https://www.churchservicestv/macroom>

*Softly in the morning,
You heard a gentle call,
You took the hand God offered you,
And quietly left us all.*



May she rest in peace

FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of

BILL BARRY

Sullane Weirs, Macroom (native of Ferns, Co Wexford) Who died on 22/02/20

On Bill's first anniversary his wife 'Mary' and daughter 'Paula' wish to express their sincere appreciation and gratitude to all who sympathised with us on our sad loss of 'Bill'. Thanks to our extended family and our wonderful neighbours and friends. Your constant support and help made a difficult and sad time a little easier. Our thanks to Dr Ken Harte and his staff, who Bill was so fond of, and to Marymount hospice. Thanks to Fr Joe O Mahony and all the priests of Macroom parish for their prayers and support, the Tidy Towns, the Men's Shed and the Pitch and Putt Committees for all their friendship over the years and and Guard of Honour at the graveside. Sincere thanks also to the Bridge Club for their guard of honour outside the church. We truly appreciate all the support and expressions of sympathy received in person, or by way of Mass cards, phone calls, kind letters and visitors to our home. As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgment as a token of our sincere appreciation.



Always in our hearts and prayers

Anniversary Mass 22nd Feb, 10am (St Bridget's Church, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15)

FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In loving memory of

HANNAH O'LEARY

The Rectory, Macroom, Co Cork who died 27th February 2020.

The family of the late Hannah would like to thank most sincerely all those who sympathised with them on their great loss.

We offer our heartfelt thanks to the many friends, neighbours and well-wishers who visited our home, attended the wake, service and burial and who provided emotional and practical support for us at this difficult time. For those who telephoned, travelled sent floral tributes, cards and messages of condolences, we are truly grateful.

A special word of thanks to Hannah's Carers, Sullane Medical Practice & all the staff of Supervalu Macroom for the love and kindness you showed to Hannah.

To those who helped in any way, your contribution made our loss more bearable. As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgement as an expression of our deepest gratitude.

*Bring flowers of the rarest
Bring blossoms the fairest,
From garden and woodland
and hillside and dale;
Our full hearts are swelling,
Our glad voices telling
The praise of the loveliest flower
of the vale!*

*O Mary we crown thee
with blossoms today!
Queen of the Angels
and Queen of the May.*



Rest in peace

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Stephen McNeice

GREEN NEWS



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The scheme is now under public consultation and is aimed at enabling citizens, farmers, business owners, and community organisations to sell excess solar power to the grid.

Farmers to receive 'fair price' for selling excess electricity back to the grid under new scheme

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Today Minister Eamon Ryan announced that a new micro-generation support scheme is being designed to allow citizens and communities to generate their own renewable electricity, and sell the excess to the national grid. #HaveYourSay on the scheme: <http://tinyurl.com/1p4d2>

Ireland consults on new support scheme for microgeneration technologies

Citizens, farmers, business owners and community organisations will be able to sell electricity into the grid under new scheme being developed by Climate Minister

BREAKING NEWS: Support scheme for selling your excess power at a fair price is coming this year

A new small scale electricity generation scheme for selling excess power to the grid will finally be a reality in a few months time.

This scheme will be open to home owners, farmers, business owners and community groups.

Now is the time to install your own Solar PV Panels. A free, remote site assessment and consultation can be done during Covid-19 lockdown.

SEAI grants of up to €3000 are still available, so have a chat with John Moynihan at JM Energy Savings & learn how you can invest in the future.



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